Bel et Bon Gets Vote for Chief Event at Baldoyle

THE New Year's racing opens at Baldoyle this afternoon, with a programme which should provide visitors with very entertaining sport. An adequate train service from Amiens Street Station to Sutton will be in operation, and suitable return trains also will be available.

Tote Double on Fourth and Fifth Races

The Jubilee Steeplechase of £200 is the chief event, and in view of the fact that the Red Cross Steeplechase weights will be published to-morrow, the running of the six horses engaged in that race will be watched with interest. Bel et Bon has been showing consistently good form throughout the season, and at Navan recently scored in hollow style. Jack Chaucer, Dalmatian and Pulcher are others with good chances, but the selection is Bel et Bon.

Captain Whitelaw's horse has been declared also for the Claremont Steeplechase, in which he would be opposed by Brown Admiral, who, over this distance, doubtless, would beat him. The Gripper is another horse engaged in two races, and looks to hold an outstanding chance if saddled for the Sutton Hurdle. Selections:—

Feltrim Hurdle—**Armoy.**
Claremont S'chase—**Brown Admiral.**
Sutton Hurdle—**The Gripper.**
Baldoyle Jubilee S'chase—**Bel et Bon.**
Novices' S'chase—**Knocknagoran.**
Corinthian Plate—**Mairetoi.**

TOTE DOUBLE:
Bel et Bon and Knocknagoran.

CURRAGH SELECTIONS

Feltrim Hurdle—**Bantry Boy.**
Claremont S'chase—**Capital Star.**
Sutton Hurdle—**Tom Mix.**
Jubilee S'chase—**Bel et Bon.**
Novices' S'chase—**Roundsman.**
Corinthian Plate—**Picker.**

2.0—FELTRIM HURDLE, £125. 2m. Age st. lb.

ARCHDUKE II. (Mr. H. Davis) Donnelly a 12 7
ROCKLEIGH (Mr. J. A. Farrell) Owner a 11 9
INISHOWEN (Miss F. Masterson) Masterson a 11 7
SOLDIER BILL (Mr. D. B. Brennan) .... Sleator, jun. a 11 3
TRANCE (Mr. F. O'Beirne) Lenehan a 10 13
AMORITE (Mr. W. Cleary) Owner a 10 11
ARMOY (Miss A. Wall) H. T. O'Neill 5 10 10
BILL BAILEY (Mrs. A. Mahoney) Willan a 10 9
BLUSTER (Mr. F. J. Healy) B. Nugent 6 10 9
AVION (Mr. E. V. Kelly) J. A. Farrell 5 10 8
SERPOLETTE (Mr. E. Delany) Owner a 10 7
CREGGMORE (Mr. J. A. McGranaghan) .... Owner a 10 4
BANTRY BOY (Mr. D. Malone) Owner 6 10 3
ANOTHER CONSUL (Mr. M. Foley) .... D. Foley 6 9 7
SWINDON BEAUTY (Mr. J. A. Mangan) .... Owner a 10 2
NEVER NO MORE (Mr. J. F. Sutherland)... T. W. Dreaper 6 10 2
VIDES (7lb. ex.) (Mr. B. Kerr) T. Nugent 5 10 3

11 Archduke II. Carried 11-12 when winning 3½l., 2l., from Rockleigh (11-5) and Chinese Legend (11-6), Leopardstown, Dec., 1940 (2m. hurdles).
00 Rockleigh. Unplaced with 11-13 to Sweet Eileen (11-4), Leopardstown, Dec. (1¾m. hurdles).
00 Inishowen. Carried 11-9 when, with Soldier Bill (11-4), Bill Bailey (10-11), Amorite (10-13) and Never No More (10-11), unplaced to Sweet Eileen (10-9), Leopardstown, Nov. (1¾m. hurdles).
00 Soldier Bill. See Inishowen.
40 Trance. See Armoy.
00 Amorite. Fell at Leopardstown, Dec. ('chase). See Inishowen.
32 Armoy. Carried 10-10 when beaten 1½l. by Slievenardagh (9-13), Leopardstown, Dec. (2m. hurdles). Swindon Beauty (10-2) was fourth of 10, Trance (10-13) fifth, Vides (10-1) sixth, Bluster (10-9) seventh, and Avion (10-8) behind. Carried 11-0 when beaten 1l., 5l., by Glenkieran (10-7) and Scotch King (10-13), Navan, Dec. 13 (1¾m. hurdles). Swindon Beauty (10-1) was fourth of 7. See Serpolette.
04 Bill Bailey. Carried 11-2 when fourth of 10 to Ruby Loch (10-3), Powerstown, Dec. (1m. 5f. 70 yds. hurdles). See Inishowen.
00 Bluster. See Armoy.
00 Avion. See Armoy and Serpolette.
02 Serpolette. Carried 10-3 when beaten 1½l. by Armoy (9-13), Leopardstown, Nov. (2m. hurdles). Swindon Beauty (9-10) was fifth of 24, and Avion (10-10) and Vides (9-3) behind.
34 Bantry Boy. Carried 11-2 when fourth of 7 to Golden Goblet (11-0), Leopardstown, Dec. (2m. flat). Carried 10-3 when beaten 1l., ½l., by Scotch King (10-9) and Senator (12-2), Naas, Nov. (1¾m. hurdles).
10 Vides. See Armoy and Serpolette. Carried 10-0 when winning 8l., 6l., from Ya... (9-2) and Ferbane (11-5), Navan, Dec. (2½m. hurdles).
44 Swindon Beauty. See Armoy and Serpolette.
00 Never No More. See Another Consul and Inishowen.
03 Another Consul. Carried 10-1 when beaten 3l., 6l., by Glenkieran (10-0) and Silver Flint (10-3), Navan, Dec. 6 (1¾m. hurdles). Never No More (10-11) was fifth of 7.

2.30—CLAREMONT STEEPLECHASE, £100. 2½m. Age st. lb.

BROWN ADMIRAL (Mr. A. D. Conyn) .... Arnott a 12 7
BEL ET BON (Capt. G. S. L. Whitelaw) H. M. Hartigan a 12 4
THE GRIPPER (Mr. W. M. Shaw Taylor) ......Ussher a 12 3
KNIGHT OF VENOSAS (Capt. C. B. Harty) .... Owner a 11 8
COLEHILL (Miss P. O'Leary) C. Rogers a 9 12
CREGGMORE (Mr. J. A. McGranaghan) .... Owner a 9 10
CAPITAL STAR (Miss Dorothy Paget) .... C. Rogers a 9 8
RANS NEST (Mr. W. J. Girvan, jun.) .... Turner a 9 7
FIREAWAY (Mr. W. Dunne) Taaffe 6 9 7
KNIGH CASTLE (Mr. J. Steen) Lenehan a 9 7
DROCHAT-ATHA (Mr. F. W. E. Gradwell) ....Brabazon a 9 7

21 Brown Admiral. Carried 12-12 when winning 4l., bad, from Brother Bachelor (10-6) and Steelshaft (10-11), Baldoyle Sept. (2m. 'chase). Carried 12-7 when beaten ½l. by Topaleen (9-12), Leopardstown Sept. (2m. 'chase). Carried 12-0 when winning 5l., 12l., from General Chiang (11-4) and Colehill (9-11), Baldoyle Aug. (2m. 2f. 'chase). See The Gripper.
31 Bel et Bon. Carried 12-7 when winning 20l., same, from Brown Joker (9-2) and Desmond Morgan (9-10), Navan Dec. (3m. 'chase).
10 The Gripper. With 12-2 fell in 'chase (2m. 2f.) won by Brown Admiral (10-4), Baldoyle June. Carried 11-12 when winning head, 3l. from Swindon Glory (10-13) and Drumbilla (11-13), Leopardstown Dec., 1940 (2m. 1f. 60yds. 'chase).
00 Knight of Venosas. Fell at Ballinrobe July ('chase). Unplaced with 12-4 to Shrarmore (11-1), Claremorris June (2m. 2f. 'chase).
42 Colehill. Carried 9-12 when beaten 3l. by Bistro (10-0), with Fireaway (9-7) 2l. behind, Leopardstown Dec. (2m. 175yds. 'chase). See Brown Admiral.
22 Capital Star. Carried 11-5 when beaten 8l. by Messenger Girl (10-4), Powerstown Dec. (2m. 2f. 'chase).
0 Ran's Nest. Unplaced with 11-7 to Fly Rath (10-13), Baldoyle March (2m. 2f. 'chase).
23 Fireaway. See Colehill.
43 Knigh Castle. Last two races were on the flat. Unplaced with 9-3 to Prince Regent (11-5), Leopardstown Nov. (3m. 100yds. 'chase).
33 Drochat-Atha. Has been running in flat races. Carried 12-2 when beaten 1l. by Jack of the Vale (12-2), Mullingar Sept. (2m. 'chase).

3.0—SUTTON HURDLE, £100. 1¾m. Age st. lb.

KING'S CAPRICE (Mr. B. Kerr) Lenehan 6 11 7
GLOUCESTER (Mr. W. R. Lysaght) .... D. Rogers 6 11 7
THE GRIPPER (Mr. W. M. Shawe) .... Ussher a 11 7
ANGERTON (Mr. D. D. Spence) More O'Ferrall 6 11 7
CLOGHER HEAD (Mr. J. Dillon) Mangan 5 11 3
BELROSE (Mr. C. Willan) Owner 5 11 3
JENKINSTON (Mr. P. J. Leonard) ......Leonard, jun. 5 11 3
TOM MIX (Mr. E. F. Barry) J. J. Parkinson 4 10 7
NAGOR (Mr. J. S. Driver) Lenehan 4 10 7
BIG BLAZE (Mrs. P. J. Fleming) E. Parkinson 4 10 7
IDAHO (Miss M. O'Keeffe) Private 4 10 7
HYSKEIR (Capt. D. Rogers) Owner 4 10 7
ALGER (Mr. S. J. Parr) Brabazon 4 10 7
SLEIGH BELL (Maj. D. McCalmont) ......Fetherston 4 10 7
TANGUIS (Mr. W. E. Wylie) Sleator, jun. 5 10 7
CAHIR (Mr. J. P. McAuley) Banahan 5 10 7
ROCKABYE (Mr. G. A. Barry) Owner 4 10 2
COSMEA (Mrs. M. Margetson) McKenna 4 10 2

3 King's Caprice. Carried 9-8 when beaten 6l., same, by Uvira (8-1) and Antrim (9-4), Curragh, June (2m. flat).
00 Gloucester. Unplaced with 8-12 to Slightly Slow (7-11), Phœnix Park, Oct. (1m.).
10 The Gripper. See Claremont 'Chase.
0 Angerton. Unplaced with 11-9 to Never Ready (9-7), Navan, Dec. (2½m. hurdles).
4 Clogher Head. Carried 10-9 when fourth of 8 to Father Keating (10-2), Navan, Dec. (1¾m. hurdles). Rockabye (10-7) was behind.
03 Belrose. Carried 10-7 when beaten 8l., 10l. by Mayerling (11-11) and Mark Twain (10-7), Navan, December (1¾m. hurdles).
40 Jenkinston. Carried 11-2 when sixth of 18 to Shirley Lad (11-5), Leopardstown, Dec. (1¾m. hurdles).
42 Tom Mix. Carried 8-8 when beaten 4l. by Labama (8-0), Junction, Nov. (1m. 2f.).
00 Nagor. Unplaced with 8-6 to Dancing Years (7-6), Phœnix Park, Sept. (1m.).
41 Big Blaze. Carried 8-6 when winning 1½l., 1l., from Submarine (8-5) and In Camera (8-9), Curragh, Sept. (1¼m. flat).
10 Hyskeir. Unplaced with 8-1 to The Little Wench (7-4), Leopardstown, Nov. (1m.). Carried 8-9 when winning 5l., 4l. from Empire Lover (8-9) and Scarva (8-4), Mullingar, Oct. (7 f. 198 yds.).
00 Alger. Carried 10-4 when eighth of 23 to On Time (10-2), Leopardstown, Nov. (1¾m. hurdles). Tanguis (11-0) was behind.
03 Tanguis. Carried 11-7 when beaten ½l., 1l. by Romany (11-2) and Hikeypop (11-7), Leopardstown, Dec. (2m. flat). See Alger.
03 Cahir. Carried 8-7 when beaten 3l., 1½l. by Radiologist (8-12) and Belrose (8-7), Curragh, May (1¼m. flat). Carried 10-2 when fifth of 20 to Prince Regent (11-7), Phœnix Park, May (2m. hurdles).
00 Rockabye. See Clogher Head.
00 Cosmea. Unplaced with 8-7 to Legislation (8-7), Phœnix Park, Oct. (1m.).

3.30—BALDOYLE JUBILEE STEEPLECHASE, £200. 3m. Age st. lb.

BEL ET BON (Capt. G. S. L. Whitelaw) ... H. M. Hartigan a 12 3
JACK CHAUCER (Mr. H. L. Egan) .... Brabazon a 11 13
DALMATIAN (Mr. H. Davis) Donnelly a 10 0
PULCHER (Col. Scott Moore) Fetherston a 9 13
LE CYGNE (Miss Dorothy Paget) Walker a 9 11
KNIGHT OF KILLALA (Capt. C. B. Harty) .... Owner 6 9 10
STERLING DUKE (Mr. H. O'Leary) .... C. Rogers a 9 8
JACKBOOK (Mr. A. Barry) Sleator, jun. a 9 7
YEOMAN (Miss M. Preston) Purdon a 9 7

31 Bel et Bon. See Claremont 'Chase. See Le Cygne.
00 Jack Chaucer. Carried 11-13 when, with Dalmatian (10-0), unplaced to Waving Star (10-9) Leopardstown December (3m. 100yds. 'chase). See Knight of Killala.
00 Dalmatian. See Jack Chaucer.
00 Pulcher. Carried 10-11 when sixth of 16 to General Chiang (10-10) Powerstown May (3m. 65yds. 'chase).
30 Le Cygne. Carried 10-4 when fifth of 9 to Sen Toi (10-5) Naas November (3m. 76yds. 'chase). Bel et Bon (12-7) was third, and Yeoman (9-7) behind.
02 Knight of Killala. Carried 9-10 when beaten ½l. by Prince Regent (11-5) Leopardstown November (3m. 100yds. 'chase). Jack Chaucer (12-0) was unplaced.
21 Sterling Duke. Carried 12-3 when winning 2l., ½l. from Late Again (11-5) and Lavenham (11-0) Powerstown December (3m. 80yds. 'chase).
40 Jackbook. Carried 11-3 when fifth of 8 to Messenger Girl (10-4) Powerstown December (2m. 2f. 'chase).
02 Yeoman. Carried 9-8 when beaten 3l. by Birthgift (9-13) Limerick December (3m. 'chase). See Le Cygne.

4.0—NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE, £100. 2m. 1f. 70y. Age st. lb.

ROCKLEIGH (Mr. J. A. Farrell) Owner a 12 0
AENEID (Miss D. Gaisford St. Lawrence) .... Arnott 6 12 0
AVION (Mr. E. V. Kelly) J. A. Farrell 5 11 7
SCOTCH KING (Mr. W. Willis) E. Parkinson 5 11 7
MARIFIELD (Mr. Jack Bamber) Owner a 11 0
ROUNDSMAN (Mr. J. V. Rank) Fetherston a 11 0
TAFOISAGAM (Miss A. D. Sealy) Pakenham a 11 0
DROCHAT-ATHA (Mr. F. W. E. Gradwell) .... Brabazon a 11 0
KNOCKNAGORAN (Mr. J. Grew) F. Ward 6 11 0
DOREMI (Col. W. A. Shell) Arnott 5 10 12
WAR LOYAL (Mr. C. A. Rogers) Owner 5 10 12
FATHER KEATING (Mrs. R. H. Stern) .... Lombard 4 10 7

00 Rockleigh. See Feltrim Hurdle. Carried 11-7 when beaten 2l. by Repeater (11-12) Mallow March (2m. 'chase).
23 Aeneid. Carried 11-1 when beaten 1l., 3l. by Trigger Jack (11-0) and Knocknagoran (11-6) Leopardstown December (2m. 175yds. 'chase). Carried 11-2 when beaten 10l. by Mayerling (12-0) Leopardstown November (2m. 175yds. 'chase). Tafoisagain (12-0) was fourth of 13, and War Loyal (10-10) behind. Knocknagoran (11-7) fell.
02 Scotch King. Carried 10-13 when beaten 1l. by Glenkieran (10-7) Navan December (1¾m. hurdles).
22 Roundsman. Carried 11-2 when beaten 4l. by Durbar (11-5) Naas June (2m. 2f. 'chase). Carried 11-2 when beaten 3l. by Chinese Legend (11-5) Naas May (2m. 2f. 'chase).
00 Tafoisagain. Fell at Leopardstown December ('chase). See Avion and Aeneid.
00 Avion. See Feltrim Hurdle. Unplaced with 10-10 to Burnished Gold (11-2) Navan December (2m. 'chase). Tafoisagain (10-10) did not finish.
33 Drochat Atha. See Claremont 'Chase.
02 Knocknagoran. See Aeneid.
02 Doremi. Carried 10-9 when beaten ½l. by On Time (10-2) Leopardstown November (1¾m. hurdles).
0 War Loyal. See Aeneid.
21 Father Keating. Carried 10-2 when winning 2½l., ½l. from Death Knell (9-11) and Pontiff (10-2) Navan December (1¾m. hurdles).

4.25—CORINTHIAN PLATE, £100. 2m. 1f. 14y. Age st. lb.

YUM-YUM (Mr A. F. Minchin) Private a 11 9
BELL BOY II. (Mr. B. L. Coleman) .... Ussher 6 11 9
MR. TOPPER (Mr. B. Kelly) Private 6 11 9
DERRYGIMLA (Mrs. G. A. Reynolds) .... Private 6 11 9
BIG BUFF (Mrs. A. E. O'Keeffe) Private 6 11 9
SANDOON (Mr. Jack Bamber) T. Hyde 5 11 7
MAIRETOI (Capt. C. B. Harty) Owner 5 11 7
LADY COUP (Mr. C. J. Lavery) Private 5 11 7
SMOKE ROOM (Mrs. A. E. O'Keeffe) .... Private 5 11 7
GOLD RAINBOW (Miss Dorothy Paget) .... C. Rogers 5 11 7
PICKER (Mr. P. McCavana) Ussher 4 10 9
PRINCE BLACKTHORN (Capt. H. de Burgh) .... —— 4 10 9

Horses in Training

Well-Bred Two-Year-Olds at Clonard

BY OUR CURRAGH CORRESPONDENT.

CLASSIC winners are hard to come by, but Mr. F. S. Myerscough managed by good judgment and good luck to purchase from her breeder, Major E. M. Conolly, Milady Rose, and this grand filly won for him the Irish 1,000 Guineas and two other races before failing under a big weight to finish in the first three in the Irish Cambridgeshire. Milady Rose continued, after purchase, to be trained by Colonel A. J. Blake; but all the horses that made up Mr. Myerscough's big total of stake-money, which placed him at the top of the list of winning owners for the season, were trained under his own supervision at Clonard, Co. Dublin. Of course, he has an excellent head man in Edward Walsh, who has been with him for a long period, and a good experienced staff, which includes J. Ussher and J. Conlon, two young riders of considerable experience.

Perhaps the Myerscough colours were for the moment out of luck when Fair Crystal secured a head verdict over Avon Port in the Phœnix Plate; but Avon Port undoubtedly was in the front rank of the season's two-year-olds, and he is wintering splendidly. So also is the game King Kling. Avon Port, King Kling, Knee High and Tasmanian are all that remain in the stable of last year's two-year-olds, Honourable, Lull, Ended and other youngsters having been sold for export.

The older horses, Power and Coupe, are also to the good. Power took a deal of riding, but he proved of rare merit over six and seven furlongs, and he won three good races, including a Scurry Handicap, in which he beat Four Flusher and Taffytrap. Coupe won twice, each time with J. Ussher up, the first being the Rockingham Stakes of £300 at the Curragh Autumn, and the second the Rathbride Plate at Naas, in which he got home a head in front of the dead-heaters, Taffytrap and Mill Boy.

JUVENILES

This year's two-year-olds are a promising lot. Most of them, I think, were bought at the last Ballsbridge sales, and they may prove the proverbial bargains.

The Phœnix, bred at the Killarkin Stud, is by Château Bouscaut, and he is the first produce of his dam, Fille de Poète, a daughter of Firdaussi and Fille d'Amour, by Hurry On, from Friar's Daughter, the dam of Bahram and Dastur. This is quite a charming youngster, and he holds all the usual important engagements. The grey, named Porticullis, is by Portlaw, out of Chichester Chimes by Abbot's Trace, out of Chatham II., dam of Priory Park, winner of a great number of the big English handicaps. This colt is half-brother to a couple of winners, and was bred at the Hilltown Stud, Clonsilla. Mr. Myerscough has given the name Venus to the half-sister to Finalist. She is by Gold Bridge, and is racing-like. In view of the fine achievements of Finalist, both in England and India, where he won the Viceroy's Cup at Calcutta three years in succession, great things will be expected of this youngster. I liked very much also the bay colt by Dastur from Queen of Scots, the dam of Queen of Simla, winner of the Queen Mary Stakes at Ascot, who was her first foal. This colt was bred by the Aga Khan. Bought from Colonel Giles Loder's contingent, the brown colt by Sir Cosmo, out of Overmantle by Apron, out of Arabella by Buchan, out of Polly Flinders, a daughter of the renowned Pretty Polly, is bred to be a high-class racehorse. The brown son of Sir Cosmo, out of Last Act, is a half-brother to Ended, who ran well in all his races last year, and won three times. The youngster, certainly, should race, too. Obligato is half-brother to King Kling and a good-looking individual. The Felicitation colt from Painted Cloud is on the big side, but quite symmetrical, though rather a formidable type of two-year-old. The colt by Fairhaven—Vizcaya and the filly by Sir Cosmo—Boscage are up to the required standard, and, altogether, owner and trainer at Clonard, can look forward to another successful season with their two-year-olds. The team is:—

FOUR-YEAR-OLDS.
Power, ch. g., by Beresford—Wheelbarrow.
Coupe, ch. g., by Coup de Lyon—Majuba.

THREE-YEAR-OLDS.
Avon Port, b. c., by Portlaw—Avon Valley.
King Kling, b. g., by King Salmon—Inkling.
Knee High, ch. g., by Knight of the Garter—Red Leg.
Tasmanian, b. c., by Fairhaven—Tasina.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS.
The Phœnix, b. c. by Château Bouscaut—Fille de Poète.
Porticullis, gr. c., by Portlaw—Chichester Chimes.
Venus, ch. f., by Gold Bridge—Finery.
B. c. by Dastur—Queen of Scots.
Br. c. by Sir Cosmo—Overmantle.
Br. c. by Sir Cosmo—Last Act.
Obligato, br. c., by Concerto—Inkling.
Br. c. by Felicitation—Painted Cloud.
B. c. by Fairhaven—Vizcaya.
Br. f. by Sir Cosmo—Boscage.

Hunting Reports

WARD UNION HOUNDS

The Christmas Eve meet at Dunshaughlin brought out a big field. The enlargement took place on Mr. Delaney's land, just outside the village, and hounds went away very fast by Johnstown for Clonross. Going on past Pelletstown fox covert they continued to hunt hard alongside the railway line by Piper Hill to Batterstown. With the village just on their right, they ran through Rathregan. Crossing the Trim road, they went on to Wood Park, where the stag was left an outlier after a grand hunt of an hour.

On Saturday (the day after the hunt ball) from Ashbourne sport was again of the best. From the enlargement on Mr. Byrne's land at Cookstown hounds hunted smartly to Hammondtown, where they wheeled right-handed, and, crossing the Ashbourne road at Rathgate, went on by The Court to Ballymadun. They ran towards Tobercregan, but wheeled left-handed along the river for Birranstown, and hunted hard through the Bog of Curraghs, then, recrossing the Ashbourne road, went on by Baltrasna to Coolfore. Here the stag was almost taken, but, going away again, he was eventually captured at Ballyhack after an extremely fine hunt.

FINGAL HARRIERS

From the St. Margaret's meet a good-sized field enjoyed a capital day's sport. Commencing proceedings on Mr. M. McDonnell's farm, where we found without delay, puss took us almost straight to the village of St. Margaret's; thence by Sandy Hill into the College farm, and on to Dunbroe, where we lost her in a field of kale. When casting round a fox was viewed away, and, with the pack almost on his brush, they raced across the College farm, through Portmellick, and into Sillogue, where the fox made for an old earth in Harristown which had been stopped, this delay almost costing him his life, as one of the leading hounds actually bowled him over. He managed to regain his legs, and, crossing the 16 Acres, got to ground in an earth in the river bank adjoining Newlight.

A good hunt followed, with a hare found in Sillogue, which took us through the lands of Ballymun House, and, bearing to the right, crossed Mr. Connon's farm into Merryfalls, and on by Dubber House to Newlight, hounds eventually losing her near Harristown House.

Boxing Day found hounds, as usual, at Rathbeale Cross, where the field included many children on their ponies and a big following on foot, who managed to see a good deal of the sport. Drawing Lady Mary Corbally's demesne, we had a nice ring through New Dairy to The Leas. Circling here, puss ran by the back of Rathbeale Hall into Mooretown, where hounds ran out of scent. We found again in Rickenhor, hounds slipping away from most of the field through Mr. Watson's farm almost to the town of Swords. Bearing to the left here, they crossed Newtown and went on to Balheary, where, turning sharp, the hare went on by Broadmeadow into Saucerstown, and through Roganstown to the Dollards, where a flock of sheep foiled the line and hounds were stopped, which finished the day.

The Killallaghan meet brought out a good-sized field, as usual, and, although scenting conditions were none too good, hounds were kept busy. Finding in Newbarn, the pack ran through Blackhall to Surgalstown and through The Rath (where we met a good deal of wire) to Killossory, and back into Newbarn, where we left her. A nice hunt followed from Mr. Kelly's farm through Northlands and Greenogue to Palmerston, then by Rapley and Robertstown into Johnstown, scent fizzling out on Miss Doyle's farm at Palmerstown.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS

TO-DAY.

Clare, Latoon, 1.0; Boyle, Grevisk, 12.0; Bree, The Leap, Davidstown, 12.0 (old time); South Co. Dublin, Springvale, Rathfarnham (children's meet), 2.0; East Down, Bright, 1.0; Kilkenny, Kilcee, 12.0; North Kilkenny, Lisdowney, 11.0 (old time); Co. Limerick, Newbridge, 12.0; Thurles and Kilshane, Thurles, 12.0; Nenagh, Knigh, 12.30; Roscommon, Fuerty, 1.0; Limerick Harriers, Crecora, 12.0; South Mayo, Bushfield, 12.0.

TO-MORROW.

Naas, Hunt Ball (Lawlor's Ballroom, Naas); Coollattin, Ballingate, 11.30; Scarteen, Ballinamona, 12.0; Louth, Hilltown, 11.0; Ballymacad, Loughcrew, 12.0; Duhallow, Bottlehill, 11.30; Fingal, Roganstown Bridge, 1.0; Westmeath, Castletown Cross, 12.0; Queen's Co., Blandsfort Crossroads, 12.0; Co. Galway (The Blazers), Caherhue, 11.30; North Kildare, Clonee, 11.30; East Galway, Clonfert, 12.0; Mid-Antrim, Killyree, 12.30; Wexford, Ballymacar Bridge, 12.0; South Union, Ballyfeard, 11.30; Tara, Rathmolyon, 11.30; Island, Cross of Moy, 12.0; Co. Longford, Ballymahon, 1.0.

"Shels" May Profit

CLARKE STILL ON INJURED LIST

CORK UNITED, as a result of their fortunate victory over Shelbourne on December 20, and their draw last Sunday with Shamrock Rovers, retain their slender lead in the League of Ireland table, a point separating them and the Rovers. Dundalk are third, and St. James's Gate and Shelbourne are on equal terms.

Taking a line through the form of the teams, there would not seem to be much hope of a Bohemian win at the Mardyke, Cork, next Sunday; but there are two other matches the results of which might bring about a change in the positions and prospects of the teams concerned. On Saturday Shelbourne will be at home to the Rovers, and on Sunday Dundalk will be at Crumlin.

It would be unwise to predict the outcome of the meeting of the Rovers and Shelbourne. Each side gave further proof last Sunday that it was capable of rising to the big occasion, the "Reds" making very considerable inroads on the sturdy defence of Limerick, who were beaten by the biggest score registered by the winners in the League—5-0.

Rovers, in Sunday's match, had reason to deplore the absence of their right back, Clarke, whose injury is more serious than was thought. He will be out of the team next Sunday, his place again being taken by Harris; as a matter of fact, it may be some time before he is able to resume. That makes the chances of the Rovers in this important match somewhat doubtful; but it should be the best of the series.

Dundalk's decisive win over Drumcondra (6-2), at Dundalk on Sunday, was brought about largely by the brilliance of Lavery, who scored four goals; but, judged by their positions in the table, there is little between them and the Gate, whose recent displays against the Rovers and Bohemians were, however, far from convincing. Dundalk look good for the points, and, in the event of their winning, and the Shelbourne forwards mastering the Rovers' defence (a not unlikely happening), the chances of the County Louth team would be very much improved.

Bray Unknowns play Brideville at Bray, and Limerick make the journey to Tolka Park. The fixtures are:—

Saturday.
Shelbourne v. Shamrock Rovers, Shelbourne Park.

Sunday.
Cork United v. Bohemians, Cork.
St. James's Gate v. Dundalk, Crumlin.
Bray Unknowns v. Brideville, Bray.
Drumcondra v. Limerick, Tolka Park.

Squash Rackets

Prospects for Gray Cup Semi-finals

BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

THE squash rackets season will resume, after the Christmas break on Monday, January 12, with the semi-final of the Gray Cup, and the final will take place on the following Friday. This event has been won by Fitzwilliam for the last six years—since its inception, in fact—and it does not look as if their grip will be loosened on this occasion.

They are at home to Trinity, who are young, enthusiastic, and fit, but lacking in the vital quality of experience. The Trinity players are doing well in section A of the League, but their hopes of beating Fitzwilliam on level terms are small. J. V. Luce will give any opponent a hard match; for he is a great trier, and has some very good shots; but he is not always able to keep his concentration at high pitch throughout an entire match. After him come C. W. Arnold, W. G. Jameson and J. W. T. Tuckey, who compose the A League team, and the fifth string will probably be either W. R. E. Hackett or D. A. Good, of the B group.

Against them will be a side probably composed of P. D. McWeeney, W. A. Sandys, C. A. Kemp, N. D. Good and T. J. O'Driscoll—everyone of them on the minus mark in the handicap list. Some of the most interesting squash seen so far this season has been in the struggle for places on the Fitzwilliam team, and the results will lead to some revision of handicaps when the League is resumed. For instance, Good beat O'Driscoll in straight games, although ranked a point worse; R. Pilkington beat B. R. Towers, and the respective handicaps are plus one and minus one, and Pilkington took O'Driscoll to five games before going down, although the latter is on the minus three mark. That O'Driscoll's handicap is none too heavy is shown by the fact that he has won all his League matches to date.

On the other side of the draw, Bankers are at home to University, and this should be most evenly fought. The return to competitive play of E. J. Whitcroft has compensated University to some extent for the loss of W. P. Roper this season, and he, N. A. Kinnear, S. E. Law, F. B. McCormick and, possibly, J. H. Sides, will not be easy to beat. Bankers have a useful first string in J. O'Keeffe, and he will be followed by P. O'Keeffe, L. Orr, J. Cagney, with the other place uncertain. The advantage of three home matches may just turn it in Bankers' favour, but there will be little between them in any of the matches.

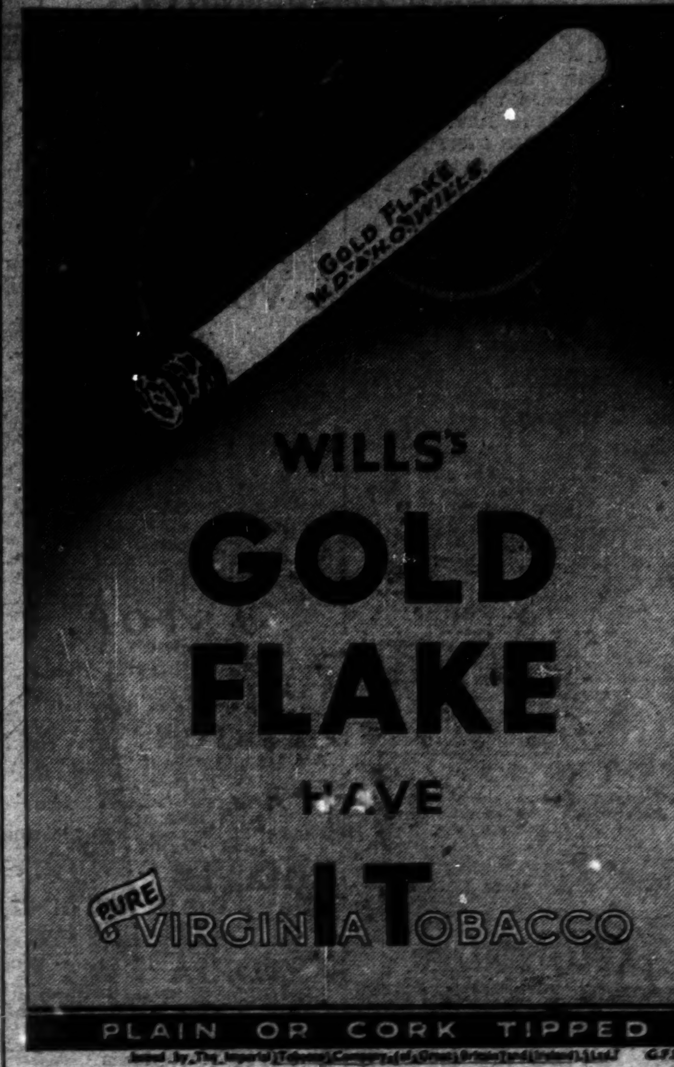

Table Tennis

Waterford to Have Irish Close Championship

BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

THE Leinster Branch of the Irish Table Tennis Association have got an ambitious programme for the coming three months, the principal dates being as follows:—January 7, 8, 21 and 22—Dublin and District Individual Championships; January 13 to 16—Metropolitan Championships; March 4 to 7—Leinster Open Championships; March 11 to 14—Leinster Team Championships. In addition, the Irish Open Championships will be held in Dublin at, presumably, the usual venue, the Catholic Commercial Club, in Upper O'Connell street, on February 11 to 14.

The Irish close championships are due to commence on January 28, and it is likely that they will be held at Waterford, under the jurisdiction of the Munster Branch. This would be breaking new ground, as all previous Irish championships have been played in Dublin. There is hardly a town of any size in Ireland which does not possess a table tennis club in a flourishing condition, and it would not be surprising to see such a flood of applications for the "close" that it might not return to Dublin for a long time to come. It would certainly be an excellent scheme to let the provinces have it, and send the strongest available players from Dublin to compete.

TEAM FROM DUBLIN?

The Leinster Branch are likely to nominate the strongest possible team to go down to Waterford, but, of course, whether they will all be able to accept is another matter. The best men at present are C. A. Kemp, H. Morris, H. C. Wine, H. Thuillier and C. Dean, with Miss E. Prescott, Miss B. Heron and Mrs. Nowlan, the best of the women. Any of these would be reasonably certain of success for while the Southern players are keen and plentiful, their standard is not yet as high as that of Dublin. The main hope locally would be A. Baxter, who was on the Munster team against Leinster in Limerick last year.

An interesting feature of the two open tournaments so far, the County Dublin and East of Ireland, has been the big increase of the women's entries compared with last season. In fact, in the East of Ireland the total 45 was the same as in the men's event, but no new star was forthcoming to challenge the top three, Miss Heron, Miss Prescott and Mrs. Nowlan. Miss Copeland and Miss J. Smith showed promise early on which did not materialise in the later stages, while Miss Slattery, of Delville, took a set from Mrs. Nowlan.

Incidentally, efforts are being made to introduce the game into the girls' schools. In several of the boys' schools it is already firmly established, and a successful League was run last year, in which King's Hospital proved really good. Two of the Old Blues team who are now in the Senior League, R. T. Ruddock and W. F. Reid, played for King's Hospital last season.

LEINSTER LEAGUE

The Leinster Branch are very keen to get the game started in Connaught, and are prepared to send a team to Galway for exhibition matches provided contact can be made with anyone sufficiently interested to make the arrangements.

Mountpleasant and Crofton lead the way in Men's Division I. of the Leinster League, and their meeting in the near future will be the high-light of the competition. Both have already defeated Drumcondra, last season's Cup winners. In the Women's Division I. Norwood and Castleknock are neck-and-neck. The Cup competitions are still in the preliminary stage, with the exception of the Men's Division I., which has reached the semi-final, the pairings for this being as follows:—Mountpleasant I. v. Delville I.; Old Blues v. Crofton I.

GOLF CLUB NOTICES

Tobacco Traders' G.S.—Annual meeting at Central Hotel to-morrow at 6.30.
Killarney.—Mixed foursomes—Miss Lynch and M. O'Sullivan (16), 75. Stableford—J. Daly (16) and M. J. Tattan (15), 47 points.
Cork Commercial Travellers' G.S.—At Muskerry—President's prize—A. W. Hogg (10), 70; O. O'Reilly (9), 73; B. Locke (3), 75; P. O'Donovan (7), 75.
Castle.—Ladies — Club foursomes — Mrs. Chesson and Miss M. Kennedy (9), 38; Mrs. Knee and Mrs. Lyons (9½), 39½. To-morrow—Medal. Monday—Club foursomes; arrange partners; draw 2.30.
Castle.—Saturday—Scotch foursomes.
Tullamore.—Hampers—Men—Capt. Allen, 70. Ladies—Miss E. Sheehy, 1; Mrs. Hurst, 2; Mrs. K. A. Kennedy, 3.
Co. Kildare.—Ladies — Stroke. Mrs. Muldoon (1½), 39½; best gross, Miss H. Gorry; stroke, Miss H. Gorry (6½), 43½; best gross, Mrs. Kerin and Miss K. Meagher.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

DUBLIN BOARD OF ASSISTANCE.
NOTICE OF EXAMINATION FOR CLERKSHIPS.

The Dublin Board of Assistance hereby gives notice that a competitive examination will be held in the Technical Institute, 18 Parnell square, Dublin, on the 6th and 7th days of February, 1942, for the appointment to its service of a Clerk-Typist and two Junior Clerks (one male and one female).

(a) SALARY:
Clerk-Typist—£90 a year for two years, then, subject to satisfactory service, £100 a year, increasing by £5 annually to £120 a year, thence by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £140 a year.
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(b) Age Limits—18 to 25 years on the 8th day of February, 1942.
(c) Applications for these positions are confined to persons resident in Dublin for at least five years prior to the date of the examination.
(d) The successful candidates will be examined by the Board's Medical Referee, and, if certified by him as physically fit, will be appointed for a probationary period of twelve months, after which they will be appointed permanently if they have given satisfactory service.

Further particulars and conditions are set out in the Syllabus for the Examination, which, with a form of application for permission to compete, may be had from me. The application form, duly completed and accompanied by the applicant's birth certificate and a fee of FIVE SHILLINGS, must be lodged with me here not later than 10.30 o'clock a.m. on Monday, 19th January, 1942.

By Order,
JAMES E. S. CONDON,
Clerk of the Union.
Clerk's Office, Boardroom,
1 James's street, Dublin,
31st December, 1941.

CORPORATION OF DROGHEDA.
APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY ENGINEER.

Applications are invited for the position of temporary Civil Engineer for an approximate period of three months at a salary of £4 per week.

Applicants should possess a University Degree in Civil Engineering or an equivalent qualification.

Applications, accompanied by testimonials, details of qualifications and previous experience, to be delivered to the undersigned not later than 11 O'CLOCK A.M. ON MONDAY, THE 12th JANUARY, 1942.

The appointment will be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

By Order,
J. CARR, Town Clerk.
Town Clerk's Office,
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The Irish Times

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1942.

War in the New Year

The dawn of a new year finds a remarkable change in the general war situation. Twelve months ago, although the British had achieved striking successes in Libya—which afterwards proved to be short-lived—they stood alone in the world against the armed might of National-Socialist Germany and her Italian ally. To-day it is true that Japan has entered the lists against the British Empire, and that she already has inflicted some grievous reverses on Great Britain's forces; but Soviet Russia and the United States of America both have become the British Empire's comrades-in-arms, and Japan's sudden entry into the war has added China's almost inexhaustible man-power to the resources of the Allies. From the standpoint of combined resources, therefore, the Powers arrayed against the "Axis" group are enormously stronger than they were a year ago; but another factor of almost equal importance must be taken into consideration. When Germany launched her attack on Soviet Russia last June, there were few people in Europe—or even in the United States—who believed that the Red Army would be able to withstand the hammer-blows of Herr Hitler's armoured divisions. During the first months of the struggle the Germans scored impressive victories. They penetrated deeply into Russian territory. Their leadership seemed to be superior to that of their opponents; and, although it was realised that they would have a close race against the onset of winter, there was a general belief that they would win. They have not won. It is admitted now even in Germany that there can be no military decision before next spring. The short delay that was caused by the campaigns in Yugoslavia and Greece last spring prevented the Germans from the fulfilment of their military time-table, and the Russians put up such a determined resistance to their attacks that their territorial advances were achieved at enormous cost. When the winter began the German line in Russia—if, indeed, one can speak of a "line" at all in the circumstances—was utterly untenable. It was a series of dangerous salients; and, as our Military Correspondent pointed out during the autumn, certain strategic withdrawals were inevitable if the German positions were to be stabilised during the winter months.

Germany's original thrusts were in four main directions—against Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev, and the Caucasus. Only one of them attained its immediate objective. Kiev was captured; but Leningrad and Moscow have defied all attempts to overwhelm their defences. Rostov-on-Don—popularly known as the gateway to the Caucasus—fell to the attackers some time ago, but now not only has it been recaptured, but the Russians have undertaken a counter-offensive along the entire line from Murmansk to the Sea of Azov, and the Germans have been retreating steadily for the last couple of weeks. To what extent this retreat is purely strategic cannot be told with any certainty at the moment. Undoubtedly, the German High Command decided to straighten its line, and incidentally to shorten its communications; but the Russians claim that at many points the German withdrawal has been involuntary—that, in short, Russia now is hitting back with substantial effect. This change in the military position in Russia has been one of the most remarkable in history; but until the spring it would be premature to draw conclusions. In a recent statement Dr. Goebbels declared that the Russians were superior to the Germans not only in man-power, but also in equipment. The Russian Air Force certainly has not been annihilated, and there is no doubt at all that the Russian soldiers, particularly those recent reinforcements that have been drafted to the front from Siberia, are far better able than their opponents to withstand the rigours of the Russian winter. In his New Year message to his troops, Herr Hitler declares that Russia's winter counter-attacks "must and will be frustrated," and predicts that the coming year will see the Soviets' power broken completely. On the other hand, the Moscow authorities report the recapture of Kaluga, an important point in the Moscow sector; they announce that the Red Army has crossed the frozen Volkhov, and is driving towards the West in order to break Ritter von Leeb's weakening grip on Leningrad; they claim that not only Kerch, but also Theodosia, in the Crimea, are again in Russian hands, and that General von Rundstedt's armies in South Russia are faced with increasingly serious problems. Only one thing at the moment is certain. Russia's general position is far more favourable than it was three months—or even three weeks—ago. The effect of this condition of affairs on the wider issue of the world war cannot be calculated at present; but time will tell. In the meanwhile, the prospects of a united strategy between Great Britain, the United States, Soviet Russia, and China are improving. Germany still is immensely strong, and she may be trusted to make a stupendous effort to wrest victory from her mighty enemies in the spring.

Government and Press

"The attention of the Minister for Supplies," begins the latest official pronouncement, "has been drawn to statements in the Press. . . ." What is meant by "the Press"? The only newspaper to which Mr. Lemass has vouchsafed the honour of any information within the past week or two has been the *Yorkshire Post*, a journal which, though admirable in every other respect, cannot be described as racy of the Irish soil. Another English journal, equally worthy [illegible] has seen fit to announce the [illegible] general rationing, which the [illegible] resident of every Irish [illegible] and Skibbereen has anticipated—but, in the vulgar phrase, has kept under his hat—for the past three months. It is high time that the relationship between Government and Press in this country should be put upon a more reasonable basis. More than once Mr. de Valera's views on this, that, and the other matter of national importance have been delivered to the world—and to his own country—through the medium of "interviews" with the representatives of United States' newspapers. Generally it might be argued that there has been a covert reason for this discrimination; the "interview" could have been construed as an appeal to the American Government and people. There is, however, no such apparent excuse for Mr. Lemass's revelation to an English newspaper of sentiments which he has concealed from the Press of his own nation. He has given no Irish newspaper the slightest hint of any intention to ration either bread or gas; it is entirely thanks to the acumen of our London Correspondent and the courtesy of the *Yorkshire Post* that the people of the twenty-six counties have been acquainted with the prospect facing them in 1942. Is this method of approach either right or intelligent?

This newspaper has not hesitated to proclaim its respect for Mr. Sean Lemass, the present Minister for Supplies. His is, in our opinion, one of the few portfolios that could not be changed without loss to the country. In this particular matter we think that he has behaved badly—and stupidly—but we recognise that his fault in the manner of its presentation does not affect the truth of his pronouncement. He says that gas must be rationed in Dublin, and bread throughout the whole of Ireland. The one is not surprising; the latter is bound to create a more or less severe shock. It has been evident ever since the last general meeting of the Dublin Gas Company that a crisis was bound to occur sooner or later: the wonder is that it has not happened sooner, rather than later. Measures can be taken to cope with it: we are weary of comment on the need to establish community kitchens on a wide scale, which would go far to reduce the city's consumption of fuel. Far more serious is the prognosticated shortage of bread; yet here we can see no reason why the city of Dublin, and the country at large, should not rise to the height of opportunism and devise means to keep themselves from starvation. Thousands of the healthiest and best stock in Ireland have lived on potatoes for centuries, and their blood-brothers can do likewise. It will do our people a great deal of good to have their consumption of bread and other commodities—which hitherto they have thought indispensable—reduced; but they must be told what to put in their place. Has the Government given thought to this end of the problem?

The Spailpin Fanach

The demand has been raised in Lincolnshire, our London Correspondent tells, for the stricter regulation of Irish migratory labour. Squads or gangs of Irish workers are found valuable when the harvest is being saved; their strength and skill are such that, in the words of an English farmer, "the women's land army, soldier labour, and schoolboys are a poor substitute for the Irishmen." Yet the large farmer who employs this welcome aid has not his troubles still to seek; for he finds the Irish squads quick to break up and desert him, when a goodly sum has been earned and sent home to Ireland, but the job not completed. Often he is distracted by being left without necessary labour while his harvest is unsaved. It is suggested that the wages of the Irishmen should be held back until their task is done. The workers, it is argued, should be tied to their contract until it is fulfilled. Everybody who has employed labour nearer home is well aware of the difficulties that beset the Englishman. Throughout Ireland it is difficult to get a fair deal unless one bargains in advance; it is almost invariably calamitous to give an order without first securing a tender; and business is largely a sort of catch-as-catch-can contest, instead of a mutually profitable co-operation. Hardly anything is needed more urgently in our own country than an inculcation of economic morality between master and man—terms which one of our parliamentary deputies recently described as obnoxious in themselves, as if society must undergo a general liquifaction. Prosperity and social amenity wait on the arrival of a spirit of justice. We who employs migratory labour, therefore; can understand the vexations of the farmer but there is another side to the story. Can it be said that our migrants invariably receive the humane treatment, the just dealing, which is every worker's due? If we are to credit the narratives of our Donegal novelists, who have made the life of the "tatie-hoker" familiar to the reading world, the strength of Irish labour often is exploited disgracefully. There were revelations, a few years ago, when migrants were burned to death in the wretched shed which was given them for their housing; revelations that led, so far as the world has learnt, to no far-reaching reform. The truth is, no doubt, that there are faults on both sides, and that the lack of a common authority—the masters belonging to one community and the men to another—makes difficult the finding of a remedy. Both countries suffer, the one by unsatisfactory service when it gives employment, the other by the fostering of unsettled habits among a considerable part of its toiling population. The migrant who leads so rough and ill-governed a life for half the year does not bring home the virtues of steadiness and thrift. Much of the friction in economic life at home may be traceable to the annual reduction of small farmers to the caste and manners of itinerants. What is needed is a better organisation of the labourers, a closer supervision of them by their own leaders, and the establishment of humane and respectable conditions through negotiation. We do not look for the abolition of the migratory system. It is long-rooted in history and custom. Folklore and folksong record its olden prevalence, when the *spailpin fanach*, or wandering labourer, who worked for a penny a day, if Arthur Young's derivation of the Gaelic term may be trusted, was a familiar figure in song and story. Geography has provided conditions in which a surplus of labour exists in one region, and is needed seasonally in another. The task of good social statesmanship is to see that the difficult exchange is so controlled that it may yield the maximum of economic benefit to both parties, and this without exploitation or abuse.

COURT AND PERSONAL

The Lady Delia Peel has succeeded the Lady Helen Graham as Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen.

Sir Samuel and Lady Maude Hoare have left Madrid for Gibraltar, where they will spend several days.

Sir Weldon and Lady Dalrymple-Champneys attended the Funeral Service for Lady Dalrymple-Champneys' mother, Mrs. Spencer Pratt, which was held last week at Ham Church.

Lady Nesta FitsGerald is in residence at Kilkea Castle, Athy, Co. Kildare.

Mr. Jack Yeats has left Dublin for London.

Mrs. A. H. Connell, who has spent some months in a Dublin nursing home, as the result of a hunting accident, has returned to St. Catherine's, Leixlip.

Mrs. Richard Connell, who spent Christmas with her father, Bishop the Hon. B. J. Plunket, at Sybil Hill, has now returned to Co. Tyrone.

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place quietly on Wednesday, 11th February, 1942, between Cedric, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Callaghan, 25 Upper Pembroke street, Dublin, and Geraldine, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Mitchel, Montpelier Manor, Monkstown, Co. Dublin.

Doctor P. J. Keogh has returned to 19 Lower Fitzwilliam street.

Dr. Oliver FitzGerald will be absent from 37 Fitzwilliam square for about ten days.

The famous "Braemar" Twin Sets (Jumper with either long or short sleeves) can be had at Switzers in a range of beautiful colours, and in all sizes from 34 to 42.

Richard Alan's Sale is now in progress at 58 Grafton street. Genuine reductions in the prices of Evening and Afternoon Frocks, Coats, and Sports Wear have resulted in the most attractive bargains that are being availed of quickly.

Leaders of Fashion in all Spectacle Wear. Dixon and Hempenstall, Grafton street.

Femina's Sale now in progress. Wonderful bargains. An early visit is worth your while.—9 Wicklow street.

Attractive Bargains in good Shoes at Stephens and Bourke's Winter Sale.

End of season Sale; genuine reductions.—M. Cathcart, 26 Dawson street.

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ON THE WIRELESS
TO-DAY
IRISH PROGRAMME

6.0—"A Swordsman of the Brigade," by Micheal O hAnnracháin. Serial Story read by Gerard Healy. Episode 4. 6.30—Light Music. 6.40—Stock Exchange, Sports Results, Official Announcements. 6.45—News. 7.0—"Seanchus Muscraidhe." Ciar cainte agus ceoil. Padraig O Morain do reidhtigh. 7.30—"Between Ourselves." 7.50—Choral Music (Records). 8.15—"Ballads Without Tunes." Austin Clarke and Readers. 8.35—Contemporary Irish Composers. No. 12: Hubert Rooney. Irish Radio Orchestra, conducted by the Composer. 9.5—Leo Maguire (Baritone). 9.20—The Week's Play: "The Majesty of the Law," by Frank O'Connor, produced by the Author. 9.50—Henry Blake. 10.0—Nuacht. 10.5—Aisteoireacht (News). 10.10—English. 10.30—Scottish Half Hour.

B.B.C. PROGRAMME

7.0—News. 7.15—Records. 7.30—Exercises. 7.50—"Tune for To-day." 7.55—Morning Prayers. 8.0—News. 8.15—Kitchen Front. 8.20—Review of January Records. 9.0—"Health in the Gold Coast." 9.15—Orchestra. 9.45—Organ. 10.15—Service. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—British Composers. 11.30—Records. 12.0—Organ Music. 12.30—"Workers' Playtime." 1.0—News. 1.15—"Calling all Women." 1.20—Billy Cotton and his Band. 2.0—"To Shorten Winter's Sadness." 2.20—Orchestra. 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30—Band. 4.15—Films: Matthew Norgate. 4.30—New Recording Artists of 1941. 5.0—News and Studio Service in Welsh. 5.20—Children's Hour. 6.0—News in Norwegian. 6.45—Jamming. 7.10—"Only a Mill Girl." 7.45—"Au Revoir is not Goodbye." 8.30—Liszt. Piano Sonata in B minor. 9.0—News. 9.25—War Commentary. 9.40—Impressions of the musical films of 1941. 10.30—Service. 10.40—"My America." 10.50—Welsh Composers. 11.20—Billy Cotton and his Band. 12.0—News.

FORCES PROGRAMME

6.30—Cheerful Records. 7.0—News. 7.15—Records. 8.0—News. 8.15—"What's New." 9.0—Songs of Travel. 9.15—Orchestra. 9.45—Oscar Rabin and his Band. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—Anniversaries. 11.30—Records. 12.0—"Ring in the New." 12.30—"The World Goes By." 1.0—News. 1.15—Billy Cotton and his Band. 2.0—Organ, in a programme of New Year Greetings. 2.15—"Parents of Empire and Allies." 3.45—Sydney Bright and a Piano. 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30—Records. 3.45—Association Football. Army v. R.A.F. Commentary during the second half of the match. 4.30—New Recording Artists of 1941. 5.0—Favourite Songs from Famous Colour Cartoons. 5.15—"Ack Ack, Beer-Beer." 5.0—News. 6.30—"The Plums." 6.45—"Sing with Bing." 7.0—Henry Hall's Guest Night. 7.30—"Stars in Battle-Dress." 8.0—"Hogmanay." 8.30—"Join in and Sing." 9.0—News. 9.25—"Think on These Things." 9.40—"The Old Town Hall." 10.20—"Dancing Time." 10.50—Close down.

TO-MORROW
IRISH PROGRAMME

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LONDON'S INDOOR WELCOME FOR 1942

London greeted 1942 warmly, but modestly. There were no crowds surging through the streets to the accompaniment of song and cheer or pealing rounds of chimes superimposed upon the din of hooters and whistles.

But if the outdoor scene was sombre, hotels, restaurants and dance halls were packed with joyous throngs.

"We have been booking up for days," hotel managers reported. Decorations were gay, but not lavish. Each rendezvous had its own particular ceremony at midnight.

In one hotel there was a fanfare, followed by the unfurling of the allied flags. In another the chimes of Big Ben, amplified by wireless, announced the hour of midnight, and on the last stroke six pipers of the Scots Guards broke into tune and paraded round the room. Shelter populations stayed up to see the New Year in, and many shelters re-echoed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER

The High Commissioner for Canada (Mr. John D. Kearney) was received yesterday by the President (Dr. Douglas Hyde) at Arus an Uachtarain, Phoenix Park, Dublin.

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	9.40	9.40
Sets	5.17	5.18
Lighting-up Time	5.47	5.48

HIGH WATER AT OTHER PORTS.

	Morning.	Evening.
Ballina	6. 4	6.25
Cork	5.45	6. 3
Cobh	5.33	6. 0
Drogheda	11.43	—
Dundalk	11.40	—
Galway	5.28	5.43
Kinsale	5.28	5.46
Limerick	6.31	7.13
Waterford	5.43	7. 1
Westport	5.44	6. 6

LONDON LETTER

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

MR. JOHN DULANTY has lent one of his Jack B. Yeats pictures—"The Falls of Sheen"—for the joint exhibition of the works of Mr. Yeats and of Sir William Nicholson, which he will open at the National Gallery to-morrow afternoon. A portrait of Mr. Churchill is included in the collection sent in by Sir William, who, at seventy, is still active with his brush. Sir William became famous in the 90's, when he and his brother-in-law, James Pryde, were the first designers of the artistic poster. He often signs his work with his own thumbprint, in the centre of which he places his initials. Mrs. Grace Henry is another Irish artist who is represented at present in London. Two of her pictures are on view at the United Artists' Exhibition at the Royal Academy.

Waste Paper Contest

To-morrow is the first day in the national £20,000 paper contest, in which the salvage armies throughout Britain will vie with one another as to which area will produce the most waste paper. As the contest will be judged on a "*per* head" basis, the smaller town has an equal chance with the larger. For the purpose of the competition, Britain has been divided into twenty areas. In each £1,000 in prizes will be awarded to the local authority which collects the greatest weight of paper *per* head during the coming month—half of each prize is to be given to a local charity and the rest to a National War Appeal.

Toll of Rheumatism

Lord Horder, in the annual report of the Empire Rheumatism Council to-day, says that the discovery of the key to the causation of rheumatic diseases "may be a matter of years, not of centuries," but the position remains discouraging, and even calamitous, in one respect. Only a small proportion of sufferers can obtain in the early stages the right diagnosis and the treatment which would save a great proportion from becoming disabled. Lord Horder states that the cost of the necessary measures for diminishing rheumatism by national and municipal authorities would be so moderate as to make them well worth while as a matter of economy, apart from considerations of humanity. The disease accounts for one-sixth of all the disablement which occurs in the islands. In Britain it is twenty times more prevalent among wage-earners than among the propertied class, and affects women nearly two and a half times more than men.

Irish Film Director Honoured

The selection by the New York Film Critics' Circle of Mr. John Ford as the best director of the year for his work in "How Green Is My Valley," the picturisation of Richard Llewellyn's best seller of Welsh mining life, will be doubtless approved when the film has its *premières* here in a few months' time. Mr. Ford produced his first picture in 1924, and since then has gone from success to success. With a mere £45,000 he produced "The Informer," one of the screen's greatest artistic successes, which won triple Academy awards for director, star, and scenarist. An even greater success in "Stagecoach" cost only £50,000. This Academy winner was done inexpensively in the Arizona desert three years ago. For the best film of 1941 the critics have selected "Citizen Kane," which was produced and directed by Mr. Orson Welles, who himself plays the newspaper magnate.

Japanese Resources

Mr. Morley Richards, the *Daily Express* military expert, has been giving some "inside information" about Japan's war resources, which, he states, have been under-estimated. "Under cover of the China 'incident,'" says Mr. Richards, "this calculating enemy has built up a formidable war machine that will only be beaten at considerable cost to the Allies. Japan has stocks sufficient to maintain an all-out offensive for eighteen months, with 3,500,000 men under arms, and she has ample man-power to meet all possible demands during the next year of the war. Her Air Force, at one time thought to be no more than 2,000 front-line machines, is probably twice that number. She is producing at least the same number of 'planes a year in her factories, and for seven years has been scraping together every available ton of raw materials for war purposes." Mr. Richards, who is a member of the Society of Friends, is one of the few writers who have made a name in military criticism in this war.

AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY

"Off-Season" Pastimes

The sight of a photograph of some intrepid adventurers who spent Christmas morning racing one another up and down the icy water in Clontarf Baths set me thinking about "off-season" pastimes.

What, for example, does the keen cricketer, who is not much good at Rugby, do the long winter through?

The tennis player can indulge in a little table-tennis, although it is likely to prove a poor substitute; the swimmer can continue to take his daily dip, even though it may mean the risk of pneumonia; the keen photographer can turn his attention from the bathing beauties on the shore to the more difficult indoor shots of the family at work and at play; but there are some sports which cannot be followed up in the winter.

It would be interesting to know how Jack Hobbs and Don Bradman spend their winters, or, for that matter, how Dixie Lee spends his summers.

Harlequinade

The title "Harlequinade," which Micheal MacLiammoir and Hilton Edwards have chosen for their Christmas party this year, brings thoughts of the pantomime of the past.

There was a time when pantomime consisted of little more than an elaborate Harlequinade; it was all a sort of dumb-show, with Harlequin, Columbine, and Pantaloon very much to the fore.

In later years the Harlequinade was relegated to a minor place at the end of the show, after the pantomime proper was over; the last occasion which I remember seeing one was in the Gaiety a few years back when, after the curtain had fallen on the last scene of "Cinderella," or whatever it was, Harlequin, Columbine, and Pantaloon danced for a few moments on an empty stage in front of a gaily-coloured back-cloth.

Nowadays the pantomime producers do not even bother to keep up the pretence. Pantomime is merely a glorified variety show, and Harlequin rarely even puts in an appearance.

Manila

A correspondent writes:—

Reading about the Japanese air raids on Manila, I am reminded of the description given to me by a schoolmate who witnessed the historic engagement in its harbour when Admiral Dewey annihilated the Spanish warships which he bottled up during the Spanish-American War.

One of the most brilliant feats in modern naval history, the battle, which brought about the fall of Manila and, with it, the end of Spanish sovereignty in the Philippines, was fought on May 1st, 1898. For the suddenness and decisiveness of the attack there is no parallel in naval annals.

Under cover of darkness, the United States squadron had quietly steamed into the harbour on the previous evening. For days beforehand a vigilant search had been made for the Spanish warships in inlets on the north-west coast of Luzon above Manila, and, when no trace of them was found, Dewey concluded that they were sheltered in the inner reaches of Manila Bay.

So the signal was flashed out from his flagship on the night of April 30th ordering the crews of all his ships to man action stations before sunrise next morning.

Before he set out from Mirs Bay, in China, the Government had sent him a code message to sink, capture or destroy all the vessels in Admiral Montozo's fleet. At early dawn the order was executed with deadly effectiveness. After a few broadsides from the attacking vessels, Spain's fleet was out of action, and with its destruction her empire ended.

Dewey's *coup* was all the more brilliant from the fact that he lost neither man nor ship, and only nine ratings were slightly injured.

Danny Maher

I see that Mr. George Blackwell, noted English trainer, has just celebrated his eightieth birthday. He has been recalling his memories of Danny Maher, the American jockey, whom he brought to England.

Maher actually won the Triple Crown on Rock Sand (trained by Blackwell), but a lesser triumph came his way here when he won the Irish Derby on Civility, a colt owned by Mr. Reese, of Cork. That is many a year ago, but I can still remember the quiet young man with a pale face, and wearing a navy suit, standing outside the weigh-room door at the Curragh that day, while young ladies ran about beseeching friends to obtain the strangers' autograph for them.

Mr. Blackwell also recalls that Sergeant Murphy's Grand National win represented another great triumph for him. In that Ireland shared; for the Sergeant had acquired a reputation here long before he went to England. He goes down in equine history as the best type of 'chaser.

"Right Honourable."

I grovel:—

Ronald MacDonald Douglas writes:—

In to-day's "Irishman's Diary" there appears this: ". . . and in England there are London, York, Edinburgh, and Glasgow."

May I suggest in all humility, and as a native of Edinburgh, that when last I heard of that eternal city it was still the capital of the ancient Kingdom of Scotland? Maybe, though, whilst I have been sleeping over Christmas the English have at last contrived to bring about the *anschluss*.

Even so, I feel certain that Glasgow at least stands where it did. Surely every Palesman in this fine old Gaelic State knows that Glasgow is Ireland's premier colony, under the Catholic Governorship of Lord Provost the Right Hon. Sir Paddy Dolan.

QUIDNUNC.

BARGAIN-HUNTING
MEN JOIN WITH WOMEN IN THE CHASE

Are men and women building up stocks of clothing? Judging by the activities at the sales which are now in full swing in Dublin, not only women, the traditional bargain-hunters, but their men folk also, are interested in shopping.

This year there seems to be a kind of grim determination by that part of the public which is not concerned with bargain-hunting to lay in stocks of what very likely will be unobtainable in the near future. A conversation overheard in the train yesterday went something like this:—

Quiet-looking business man: "I saw the most marvellous pullovers at such-and-such a shop yesterday, and bought three of them. A lady beside me wanted them, too, but I was too quick for her."

The shops have been stripped of most of their festive trimmings, and the slightly dishevelled look of sale-time has taken the place of the seasonable displays. The counters are stacked with oddments, remnants, and "seconds," through which thousands of hands will have rummaged before the end of the sale. People are buying up lengths of light material suitable to summer dresses. In many of the shops there are still supplies of gaily-patterned silks which cannot be repeated. Lingerie materials are being eagerly sought after, as also are woollens of every variety.

Naturally, things are much more expensive this year, and, in the case of stockings, what would have been a luxury price last January is now being paid quite calmly as a "marked down" sale figure.

The crowds have been enormous, even in these early days. Visitors from the North have taken their place in the queues, as also have people who never bothered much about sales before, for the sinister shadow of rationing threatens to put a stop to unlimited buying.

IRISH WILLS

Mrs. Louisa Agnes O'Connor, of St. Joseph's Convent, Stafford, who died on 13th February last, left personal estate in England and Eire valued at £2,874.

Miss Caroline Grace Fairholme, of Conneagh, Kilmacthomas, Co. Waterford, who died on August 31st last, daughter of the late William Fairholme, Chapel-on-Leader, N.B., left personal estate in England and Eire valued at £32,300.

LIFEBOAT SERVICE
CHILDREN'S PARTY

On Wednesday next the annual children's party in aid of the Lifeboat Service will be held in the Aberdeen Hall, Gresham Hotel, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Edwin Mitchell's juvenyile band will supply the music, and the Committee have spared no efforts to make the party thoroughly enjoyable. To children in fancy dress prizes will be awarded for the best group, best pair, most original, best national, prettiest fancy dress, prettiest party frock and best toddler (under four years). Numerous prizes have also been provided for children not in fancy dress. The costumes will be judged by Mrs. J. McNeill, Mrs. Stamford Roche and Leo Whelan, R.H.A. The prizes will be presented by Lady Taylor.

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The Food Ministry's Order prohibits from February 1 the manufacture of saccharin and dulcin solutions, except for pharmaceutical use, and the sale of sweetening powders as a substitute for sugar. The Order does not apply to "Saxin" tabloids sold against medical prescriptions.

It was stated at the Food Ministry that saccharin tablets will still be manufactured for the public. Saccharin solution, prohibited for general use, is not normally available to the public.

COLOUR FILMS AT R.D.S.

The film which will illustrate the lecture to be given by Captain J. W. Seigne on "The Interest of Birds" before the Royal Dublin Society at 4 p.m. to-day is one of outstanding beauty. The film was made by Mr. Douglas Heard, and shows in their natural colours many of the birds of stream and woodland, and of the sea birds nesting in the Saxes Islands and round the coast of County Cork.

LEATHER FOR SOLES CONTROLLED

Leather which can be used for soles of footwear has been controlled by the British Minister of Supply. Licences will in future be required for the acquisition of such leather, but footwear repairers and those who repair their own household footwear can acquire certain quantities without licence. Leather for Government contracts is also exempt.

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FOLLOWING THE PLOUGH

A NOVICE TRIES HIS HAND

By a Special Representative.

THEY told me at the house that Peter was giving a neighbour a day's ploughing, and they gave me instructions how to find him. I found him a very disgusted man. He had about an acre of bad land to plough and hoped to get it finished before night. "There's nothin' in it but rocks and oul' yellow clay," he growled. "Think of this being ploughed and all that lovely land in County Meath and Kildare being grazed." He would have given a pound of tobacco to be transported to the rich, deep soil to which his mind was turned by the contrast.

All over the field the matted green of old mossy pasture was raised in humps by hidden boulders, some of which were eight feet long. The "middle" was over where the field tapered into a corner. The two opposing lines of sod ran straight enough, skirting a hillock and then a huge boulder, the biggest in the field. Along about seventy yards of the curving headland the marks of the mould board and furrow wheel showed the trouble he had had to get a proper sod on that end of the field. The clay was grey-white, like an old river bottom, with a queer poisoned look about it.

When I arrived Peter had got the worst part of it done, and had cut the field down to a fair parallelogram, and he was going up one side and down the other, reducing the middle "shot" gradually. While we talked I had to walk up and down with him. Every few yards the plough point struck a boulder, the plough leaped six or seven inches, and the handles whipped up a couple of feet. The power in the kick was tremendous, and Peter told me that he had caught one of the handles under his heart early in the day and been knocked off his feet. The plough ran over most of the boulders, turning up the matted roots of moss and grass and leaving the granite with two white scars from point and soleplate.

LEARNING

For a long time I had wanted Peter to teach me to plough, and now he remembered that he had promised to do it. I took the handles while he retained the reins, and everything went perfectly, except that it took me a few minutes to get used to the bucking of the plough on the rocks. After a while Peter decided he would have a pipe, and I undertook to go around by myself. I knew Charlie and Poll, the team, for a long time, and had driven them under carts often—singly, of course—but this was my first time to handle a team of any kind. Poll's quarters have a couple of huge springs coiled in them that give her the appearance, from behind, of getting ready to leap over something, and I was watching her all the time.

My first time round was successful. I had mastered the knack of shifting the weight of the plough to the furrow wheel and sliding it on the mould-board along the headland to the other furrow, so Peter let me go round alone again. I went down the field, and was half way across the lower headland when Poll started to go in earnest. She took a short corner towards the other furrow, dragging Charlie, me and the plough willy-nilly after her. With all my weight on the right handle, I kept the plough point out of the ground and was half carried, half dragged about fifty yards before Poll got into the straight line of the furrow and I was able to let the plough point into the land. We took the remainder of that furrow at about twenty miles an hour, and Peter congratulated me on my speed—until he saw what I had missed. He had to plough the left-over part, return and start the next furrow before the thing looked right again, and after that I left it all to him.

SQUARING THE SHOT

Eight rooks and two wagtails followed us at a respectful distance, picking up the fat worms that were turned up or cut in two by the plough. The coulter cut a straight wound in the matted sod, the sod became liquid and flowed past, turning over as the mould board lifted it. Behind the plough the new-turned furrow glistened as the falling light caught the part that the plough's steel had polished. The strip of green between the furrows got narrower and narrower, though the shape of the field left one end of it wider than the other.

Peter soon settled this. A few short cuts ("garrogs") from the wide end, getting shorter and shorter, reduced that end to the width of the other, and, as the last couple of furrows were reached, the green lane down the field was an exact parallelogram.

Peter was not sorry to be done; for he hated working with bad materials, and believed that this field should be planted with trees. As we loaded the plough into the cart and "yoked" Charlie to draw us home the rooks were sitting like sentinels on the bare branches of a little birch grove at the far end of the field. A flight of them came across on their way to the rookery, and the sentinels got up and joined them. All on the way home; behind us the thin soil lay open to the frost and rain that would break it down to a nice tilth in readiness for the oats in March.

SOLD TO SOUTH AMERICA

Monument, that good sire, has, it is understood, been sold for export to South America. The property of the Duke of Marlborough, since his retirement to the stud Monument has been standing at Ballykisteen, County Limerick. A bay horse, Monument (foaled in 1933) is by the Derby winner, SansoSvino out of Queen of the Hills, by Tetratema.

During his racing career he was one of the best handicap horses in England, winning the Coronation Cup at Epsom, and the Jubilee Handicap at Kempton. The first of his progeny were sold as yearlings at the Ballsbridge sales in Octoobr last, and were generally considered a very level lot.

GELIGNITE STOLEN IN CORK

Civic Guards and detectives in Cork are investigating the disappearance of a small quantity of gelignite from a blockhouse in Co. Cork. It is believed that the matter is connected with the recent commandeering of a Cork taxi, which, while the driver sat blindfolded in the rear seat, was used to convey a heavy parcel, or parcels, from one point to another in the vicinity. The taxi was engaged ostensibly for a trip to a dance by four men, who later ordered the driver into the rear seat, blindfolded him, and drove some miles. During the journey some boxes or parcels were conveyed from one point to another. Later the taxi was driven back to the city, and the men left the driver and his car in the suburbs, after paying him the fare named for a trip to Inniscarra.

BRITISH WOMEN LOST IN AIR CRASH

Four passengers lost their lives when the flying-boat Cassiopeia, belonging to the British Overseas Airways Corporation, crashed when taking off on Monday and sank in a Netherlands East Indies harbour.

All the passengers were members of the Corporation's staff.

According to earlier reports from Batavia, the dead are two British women from Singapore and two children, who were drowned.

The crash was said due to an act of war.—(Reuter.)

NORWEGIAN COAST RAID

By Our Military Correspondent.

THE latest coastal raid on the Norwegian seaboard appears to have constituted a full and complete vindication of the "forward policy" of Admiral Keyes, with respect to conjunct expeditions. Indeed, the official communiqué describing it was, itself, a "conjunct" affair. It is a most instructive document, and fully deserves the most careful analysis. Incidentally, the fact that this was the fourth raid against the Norwegian coast would seem to indicate that this theatre is peculiarly suitable for operations of the kind. Certainly, there is no other theatre where such would be more helpful to the Allies.

The first thing to note is that the expedition seems to have been on a rather more ambitious scale than the former ones: a Rear-Admiral was in command of the naval forces, and a Brigadier of the military, which would imply the employment of forces of appreciable strength. The second notable point is the location of the objective—a good 600 sea miles further south than any of the others, and definitely in South-Western Norway. Actually, of course, the further south the objective the easier its attainment—as far as the mere sea voyage is concerned. Thus, typical crossings would be:—Newcastle-Bergen, 410 miles; Leith-Bergen, 388 miles; Newcastle-Stavanger, 347 miles; Aberdeen-Bergen, 312 miles; Lerwick-Bergen, 202 miles.

SURPRISE ATTACK

The communiqué proceeds:—"The light forces of the Home Fleet arrived off Vaagsoe Island just before daylight at 5.30 a.m." From this it seems fairly obvious that the whole expeditionary force travelled on the light warships in question—i.e., light cruisers or big destroyers. In these high latitudes there is at the present season a night of certainly 16.17 hours, so that these fast ships could easily do the entire voyage under cover of darkness and have ample fuel for a return—at full speed, if necessary. The actual objective must have been familiar since the Norwegian campaign of April-June, 1940. Vaagsoe Island is situated off the northern lip of the entrance to the Nordfjord, some 10-12 air miles south of Stadtlandet, the scene of the southernmost field of the famous mine-laying of the night of April 7-8, 1940. It is, indeed, just at the turning-point, where the Norwegian coast begins to trend away N.E., far into the Arctic.

The manner of landing is also to be noted—smoke-screen laid by aircraft, special landing-craft, and only ten minutes to get ashore. Aerial cover was given by means of an attack on the nearest enemy aerodrome. Surprise appears to have been achieved; and the fact that everybody knew what was to be done—i.e., full initiating existed—meant that no time was lost in getting to work. The actual fighting was on quite a considerable scale—six hours of combat, artillery and tanks playing a part, a town captured, several installations demolished. On the naval side, serious damage was done to local coastwise shipping and patrol craft.

PROFITABLE RAIDING

From the Allied standpoint, it might be profitable to multiply raids of this type. The more such are launched, the more the German forces are compelled to disperse over theatres of secondary importance—to the inevitable prejudice of more important interests. It is no small embarassment to have tied up in Norway guns, tanks and aircraft—especially at a time of Allied pressure on other fronts. Similarly in the case of the naval forces concerned. It pays the Allies to tie up these also—both fighting ships and merchantmen. It means so many officers and ratings and patrol craft that are pinned down to local coast defence, instead of being available to man submarines or raiders in the Atlantic or elsewhere.

At the same time, it should be clearly understood that this was definitely a *raid*—not an attempt at re-occupation of a part of Norwegian territory. The expeditionary force was not intended to "stay put." From its nature and composition it would be unable to stay put—unless, indeed, in the face of poorly-armed defenders. In April, 1940, it is true, similar forces of German troops were able to consolidate footings in Norway; but the Norwegian troops of that time were very differently equipped from the Germans now in occupation of the country.

NOTABLE OPERATION

For all that, the raids stands out as an indication of what is possible. Such an operation—apart altogether from "tip-and-run" methods—could be transformed, in favourable circumstances, into the advanced guard of something very much bigger and more permanent. It is this that renders such operations particularly worrying to the German Command under the circumstances of the present conflict.

The American Press is said to have made very favourable comment on this particular raid. As it happens, it is a form of operation in which the U.S.A. forces are specially well fitted to lend a hand. The U.S. Marine Corps is a force expressly organised and trained for just this conjunct expedition sort work. Its standard of training and physical fitness is exceptionally high, and it numbers several thousands strong. To be sure, the great bulk of these picked men are in Pacific waters at the present time. There are still, however, in the Atlantic quite an important number, who could be "pooled" with other specialist troops for this purpose. Quality, rather than numbers, is what counts in these operations; and, from the Allied point of view, the more American Marines were made available the more of such expeditions could be undertaken.

POSSIBLE REPLY

It may not be out of place to indicate a possible Axis reply to this tactic of mixed raiding—although the aim would be rather different. It cannot have escaped notice that much-raided Malta has latterly been having an exceptionally hard time—a week at the rate of one raid every three hours! This may be designed merely to give assistance to the Axis land forces in Africa, by grounding or containing Allied 'planes based on Malta—or it might be the prelude to an attempted aerial invasion *à la* Crete—plus forces carried in fast motor craft. If the second, it is clearly in the Axis interest to do the job at once.

Malta's A.A. defences have been described as equal to London's; but they may be feeling the effects of recent sustained operations. Malta, too, is a much easier and more compact defensive unit than Crete, with a strong permanent garrison, etc. The difficulties in the way of the operation would be great—but the value of success, if achieved, would be equally important. The Luftwaffe has not put forth any great, concentrated effort for a considerable time. It has certainly suffered losses for some time past; but the aerial invasion of Malta need not, necessarily, be ruled out as unthinkable.

SHOOTING AT ABBEYFEALE

FARMER ON MURDER CHARGE

Charged with the murder of James D. Collins at Abbeyfeale, East, on the 26th December last, Laurence T. O'Connor, a small farmer, residing at Abbeyfeale, East, was remanded in custody to the District Court at Shanagolden on the 7th inst. The accused man has been civil bill and summons server since 1925.

The charge was made before Mr. T. Warren, Peace Commissioner, Abbeyfeale, by Superintendent T. Mulcahy, Newcastle West, who said that, having arrested O'Connor on the murder charge, he warned him that anything he said would be taken down in writing and might be used in evidence against him. O'Connor made a statement, which he did not wish to put in evidence at present, as he was making further investigations, and asked for a remand.

Asked by Mr. Ambrose, Clerk, if he had anything to say, the accused man said—"No."

Mr. R. Macaulay, solicitor, defended.

OBITUARY

MR. ADAM WILKES

Mr. Adam Wilkes, "Park House," Rathmines, Dublin, whose funeral took place to Mount Jerome Cemetery yesterday, was for 30 years representative of Monotype Corporation, Ltd., and had been in close contact with the Irish printing trade. He was father of Mr. R. Wilkes, a member of the sporting staff of the "Irish Press." The chief mourners were:—Mrs. Wilkes (widow); Norman, John and Richard (sons); Sheila Wilkes and Mrs. A. Devereux (daughters); Mr. J. Wilkes (brother); Mrs. R. Wilkes (daughter-in-law), and Mr. Devereux (son-in-law).

Miss M. Longbrey represented Monotype Corporation, Dublin office. The "Irish Press" was represented by Mr. F. A. Ridgeway, secretary; Messrs. M. V. Cogley, T. D. Burke, J. O'Shea, D. Cronin and F. Ward. Mr. W. F. Murphy represented the Sports staff of the "Irish Independent."

The attendance also included:—Colm O Lochlainn, C. E. Trench, A. Hislop, E. Lyons, M. J. Farrell, B. J. Brennan, C. Roberts, S. Benson, W. Buttersby, J. Watt, G. Crowley, J. Cusack, W. Long, T. Hawkins, J. Leahy, G. A. Keatinge, V. Brown, P. Guthrie, J. H. C. Dallas, C. T. Clarke, W. King, M. na Briana, C. M. Astley, Geo. W. Irwin, T. D. Morris, M. Davy, Leonard Pershke.

The Rev. R. Montgomery, Rector, Christ Church, Rathgar, conducted the Service at the graveside.

REV. H. FRECKLETON

The Rev. Henry Freckleton, retired Methodist minister, has died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. William Smith, Drumnaboy House, Strabane. He was born seventy-nine years ago in Belfast, and ministered in many parts of Ireland. Five years of his ministry were spent in Strabane. He was a former member of Tyrone County and Strabane Technical Instruction Committees and Strabane School Attendance Committee. He leaves a son and two daughters.

EPIDEMIC DISEASES

DEATHS IN DUBLIN

During the week ending December 20, there were eight deaths from the principal epidemic diseases in the City of Dublin. They comprised of 5 from diphtheria, 2 from diarrhœa and enteritis of children under two years of age, and one from measles. These figures, compared with the three preceding weeks, represent an increase on average for diphtheria and a decrease for diarrhœa and enteritis. Cases of infectious diseases to the number of 76 were notified in the city during the week under review. They include 28 cases of measles, 17 of whooping cough, 12 of scarlet fever, 9 of diphtheria, 8 of tuberculosis, 2 of acute primary or influenzal pneumonia and 1 of typhoid. Cases of infectious diseases admitted to Dublin hospitals during the week ending December 20 are as follows (with the numbers under treatment during the previous week in brackets): Typhoid fever, 4 (2); measles, 12 (28); scarlet fever, 23 (104); diphtheria, 28 (140); pneumonia, 9 (17).

DANCES

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE METROPOLE

GRESHAM HOTEL DANCE

Over 600 people attended the New Year's Eve dance at the Gresham Hotel last night. Miss Maureen Trainor and Mr. Kevin Byrne gave an exhibition of dancing, and at midnight there was a further dance display by the Clerford Troupe. Music was supplied by Billy Dingle and his orchestra, with Miss Mollie O'Connor as vocalist.

The attendance included:—Mr. Sean MacEntee (Minister for Local Government and Public Health) and Mrs. MacEntee; Mr. Justice and Mrs. Maguire, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Rattledge, Judge and Mrs. Davitt, Dr. and Mrs. R. Davitt, Superintendent and Mrs. Heffernan, Superintendent and Mrs. Maher, the Brazilian Consul, Senor Costa, Surgeon Lavelle and Mrs. Lavelle, Dr. E. Maginnis, M. and Madame Jammet, Mdlle. Raymonde Jammet, M. Francois Jammet, Mr. Phillipson, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Simington, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. MacArthur, Miss E. Borchill, Mr. G. Begley, Mr. and Mrs. S. Murray, Miss Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. P. Murray, Miss E. Wilson, Mr. G. Burrowes, Miss L. Judd, Miss B. Judd, Mr. C. Judd, Miss S. Kavanagh, Mr. S. O'Dea, Miss G. Mitchell, Miss J. Plunket, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Duggan, Mr. and Mrs. K. Duggan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Duggan, Mr. and Mrs. C. Conroy, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Beteon.

ORDER OF MALTA DANCE

The New Year's Eve ball held last night at the Royal Hibernian Hotel, in aid of the Dublin Ambulance Units Equipment Fund of the Order of Malta, was attended by about 300 guests. Raffles and spot prizes contributed to the success of the evening, and dancing continued until a late hour to the music of Cyril Gibson's Band.

Among those who attended were:—The Marquis Maclwiney of Mashanaglass, Miss Macswiney, Captain T. J. Galsford, St. Lawrence, Dr. Conor O'Malley, Mr. J. J. Griffin, Mr. E. McKenna, Mr. Eoin O'Mahony, the Earl of Granard, Lady Yarrow, Lady Trimleston, Sir Valentine Grace, Lady Mary Corbally, the Hon. Patience French, the Hon. Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Grattan Bellew, Mr. and Mrs. D. Barrey, Miss K. Nixon, Miss C. Corbally, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ryan, Miss N. FitsGerald, Miss G. O'Conor, Dr. and Mrs. French O'Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. P. La Fanu, Mr. and Mrs. S. Maskell, Captain R. Martin, Dr. and Mrs. D. O'Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. D. O'Donnell, Dr. and Mrs. T. MacWeeney, Miss P. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. M. Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. W. McDonnell, Mr. and Mrs. P. McConnell, Mr. K. McConnell, Dr. and Mrs. Drummond, Miss B. Drummond, Dr. and Mrs. Roche, Miss B. Scroope, Mr. A. Tyndall, Miss M. Sampson, Mrs. McElligott, Miss B. Smith, Miss J. Smith, Miss Clancy-Gore, Mr. A. Lanigan O'Keeffe, Dr. B. O'Brien, Miss K. Grace, Lieut. D. Murphy, Dr. and Mrs. S. Douglas, Mr. J. Matheson, Lieut. Bermingham, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Deacon, Mr. and Mrs. B. Reynolds, Miss B. Strickland, District Justice Flood, Miss Judy Post, Miss Joy Post, Mr. and Mrs. FitzPatrick.

PAPER FROM WHEAT STRAW

The decision of the Clondalkin Paper Mills to use wheaten straw for paper production will offer a means for the useful disposal of a very large quantity of straw which has accumulated as a result of the extensive wheat sowing of last season.

Thousands of tons of this straw are available in the Dublin area alone, and it is stated that the use of it will not affect supplies for litter, nor will it interfere with the market position.

Irish Gardeners' Association.—The monthly meeting of the Irish Gardeners' Association and Benevolent Society was held at the Red Bank Restaurant last night. Officers for the coming year were nominated.

MANY MORE ALLOTMENTS IN EIRE

HELP FOR UNEMPLOYED MEN

THE number of allotments in Eire increased by fourteen thousand in 1941, and the Department of Local Government and Public Health has urged local authorities to increase the number still further during the coming year.

Allotments have added considerably to the nation's food supplies since the outbreak of war. In 1939 there were 4,555 allotments in Eire; in 1940 this number was increased to 9,097; the official figure for 1941 was 23,367, and these were provided by 87 municipal authorities. Of the 1941 total, 19,595 were let to unemployed persons at nominal rents, and free seeds, manures, potato spraying materials, and the free use of agricultural implements were provided by the Department of Agriculture. The remainder of the allotments were cultivated by employed persons who paid the economic rent covering the cost of the holding, and supplied their own seeds and equipment. In six areas where it was found impossible to acquire sufficient land by agreement, the municipal authorities acquired the necessary land by compulsion.

In January last rural sanitary authorities were invited to co-operate in the provision of allotments, and, as a result, 2,767 were provided by Boards of Health, with the co-operation of Parish Councils.

AID UNEMPLOYED

The Government recommends local authorities to give preference to unemployed men in the allocation of allotments. These men pay only a nominal rent, and the difference between their payments and the economic rent is made up by the Department of Local Government. The standard allotment is one-eight of an acre, this being sufficient for the needs of an average family; in special circumstances, for larger families, the area may be increased to one-quarter of an acre.

During the year under review, the number of allotments in the Dublin County Borough increased to 6,348, against 2,089 in the previous year; in Cork the number rose from 842 to 2,399. Other districts which increased the number of allotments under their control to over 300 were:—Waterford, 654; Clonmel, 364; Drogheda, 367; Dun Laoghaire, 600; Galway, 650; Kilkenny, 450; Sligo, 361; Bray, 341; Carlow, 415; Carrick-on-Suir, 331; Ennis, 322; Enniscorthy, 302; Tipperary, 314; Tralee, 407.

IS PEAT RESEARCH GETTING RESULTS?

Is there any possibility of installing throughout the country machinery similar to that at the Lullymore Briquette Factory, for the purpose of turning out properly-treated supplies of fuel for next winter? The answer is, apparently, no.

Addressing members of the Dublin Rotary Club on Monday last, Mr. H. S. Lee, A.M.I.M.E., M.Inst.F., manager of the Lullymore scheme, said that when peat was put on the market with coal it should be prepared and presented in its most economic form. That form would seem to be briquettes. But, according to peat authorities, there is no possibility of duplicating the Lullymore equipment in other parts of the country. The machinery—costly and elaborate—is manufactured mainly in the Baltic States, and is, therefore, impossible to obtain for the "duration."

Discussing with another authority the question of alternative methods, an *Irish Times* reporter was told that the drain operation performed by peat-processing plants was the elimination of the 90 per cent. water content. The proposal that unpulverised peat should be merely subjected to heavy pressure would not give satisfactory results. Apart from its function as a steady producer of briquettes, the Lullymore scheme, it was stated, was regarded as an experimental station. Research was continually going on there, but it was too early to look for any definite results.

A rescue party searched Stevens Island, in the Gulf of California, yesterday for the wreck of a two-motored United States Army 'plane. The Defence Ministry said that six people had reported seeing a giant bomber crash and burn on the island.—(Reuter.)

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On and from JAN. 1st. this establishment will close at 5.30 p.m. Saturday 6.30

Sale of WINTER FASHION GOODS STARTS TO-DAY

Present day difficulties in replenishing stocks make it impossible for us to offer our usual drastic reductions on all goods, but Fashion Wear and Oddments will be GENUINELY REDUCED as usual.

KELLETTS of George's St. DUBLIN.

HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENTS

NEW REPORT FROM OFFICIALS

THE refusal of the Minister for Local Government to sanction the appointment of five temporary clerks chosen by the Dublin Board of Assistance, was again before the Board yesterday. It was decided to postpone further consideration pending a statement from the Minister that he had refused to consider the appointments originally made, and would not sanction them if again submitted.

A report from the Clerk, the Chief Assistant Clerk, and the Resident Medical Officer stated that they had examined the lists of applicants and now recommended five persons other than those originally appointed; that they had knowledge of these persons' capabilities for the work, and that already they had experience in the Board's service.

The Lord Mayor (Alderman P. S. Doyle, T.D.), Chairman, moved the adoption of this report. Mr. W. J. O'Hara seconded.

Mr. J. J. Coghlan moved the postponing resolution.

Mr. Condon, Clerk, said that he was of the opinion that the Minister would not sanction the original appointments. He and the other officials had not considered them.

Mr. Coghlan's motion was carried by four votes to two.

FUNERAL

MRS. M. M. DOWLING

The funeral took place to St. Fintan's, Sutton, of Mrs. Margaret M. Dowling, wife of Mr. Michael R. Dowling, B.Comm., Board of Works, of La Vista avenue, Sutton. Requiem Mass was celebrated in University Church, Dublin, by the Very Rev. E. Crossin, P.P., Strangford (cousin).

The chief mourners were:—Michael R. Dowling (husband); Mrs. M. C. Slowey (mother); Gerard, Patrick and Edward Slowey (brothers); Annie Slowey, Mrs. Hendron and Monica Slowey (sisters); the Very Rev. E. Crossin, P.P. (cousin); Mr. and Mrs. H. and Mr. and Mrs. E. Donaghy (uncles and aunts); Edward and Monica Donaghy (cousins); Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dowling, Joseph, Eoin, Brendan and May Dowling, Mrs. J. G. and Mrs. E. C. Dowling, the Misses M. E. and C. Dowling, James Dowling and Dr. M. Hendron (relatives).

The clergy present were:—Very Rev. M. Young, P.P.; Rev. Dr. O'Brien, C.C., University Church; Rev. D. Coghlan, C.C., Sutton; Rev. Clement O'Neill, O.P.; Rev. M. Troy, C.C., Terenure; Rev. Father Sweeney, C.M.

PREVENTION OF INTEMPERANCE

At the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Irish Association for the Prevention of Intemperance, which was held at their offices, 110 Grafton street, Dublin, on Tuesday, Mr. Fred T. Eason presided. A letter was read from the Minister for Supplies regarding the resolution adopted at the Association's annual meeting urging severe restriction on the use of grain for the manufacture of alcoholic liquor. The Minister stated that control is exercised over the amount of grain allocated to brewers and distillers, as well as to other users, and, in deciding on the amount made available from time to time, all the relevant factors are taken into consideration.

Regret was expressed that Christmas celebrations in Dublin were accompanied by scenes of drunkenness in the streets by large numbers, including many girls and young women, as reported in the several sections of the Dublin Press, and pointing to the need of remedial legislation of the liquor laws in the country.

The Committee adjourned until 29th January.

CARLTON PICTURE

"Mad About Music," with Deanna Durbin, comes to the Carlton to-morrow. This great little actress plays the part of a school girl who invents a father, and Herbert Marshall comes to the rescue in this rôle. The story is told with great charm. Others in the cast include Gail Patrick, Arthur Treacher, Franklin Pangborn and Helen Parrish.

The Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes will fly on the same flagstaff over the north-west tower of Westminster Abbey to-day, National Day of Prayer in Great Britain and the United States.

COMPANY NOTICE.

BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY, LTD.
NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF STOCK WARRANTS TO BEARER FOR ORDINARY STOCK.

NEW TALONS.

Notice is hereby given that Talon No. 4, with the new sheet of coupons, is now available for exchange for Talon No. 3. If the holders of Stock Warrants to Bearer will deposit Talon No. 3 at the company's office, Westminster House, 7 Millbank, London, S.W.1, they will receive in exchange the new Talon—No. 4—with a supply of coupons attached. The directors will normally accept Talon No. 3 as prima facie evidence of ownership of the relative Stock Warrant, but they reserve the right in any case if they think fit to call for the production of the relative Stock Warrant. A declaration in the prescribed form as to non-enemy ownership must be lodged with Talon No. 3.

Listing forms, which should accompany the Talons, may be obtained from the company's office, 7 Millbank, London, S.W.1, or from the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, 11 Birchin Lane, London, E.C.3.

By Order.
E. A. BLOCKLEY, Secretary.
Rusham House, Whitehall Lane, Egham, Surrey.
31st December, 1941.

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. — New Year's Day. Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel at 8 and 11 a.m. Matins at 10 o'clock. Psalm, 92. Chant, 67. Urbs Fortitudinis, 45. Anthem, "God so loved the world," Goss. Evensong at 4 o'clock. Psalm, 81. Chants, 52-14. Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, Hylton-Stewart in C. "Still the night," Carol XVII.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—Circumcision: New Year's Day. Matins at 11 o'clock. Full Choir. Venite, 263. Psalms, 92 (266), 121 (368). Te Deum, William Boyce (1710-1779) in C. Benedictus, 88. Holy Communion. Introit, "Lord, Thou hast been our refuge," Ernest Walker. Kyrie, Credo, Arthur Somervell in F. Preacher, Rev. Robert J. Ross, Headmaster of the Grammar School. Hymn during Offertory, 550. Evensong at 3 o'clock. Full Choir. Proper Psalms, 81 (236, 237), 90 (264, 265). Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, John Clarke-Whitfeld (1770-1836) in F. Anthem, "Behold! a Virgin shall conceive," G. F. Handel (1685-1759).

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH.—Day of Prayer for the Church and the World. Services at 8, 10.30, 11, and 5.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH. — 11.30, Intercession Service and Holy Communion.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH. — Festival of the Circumcision. 8, Holy Communion. 10, Matins. 11.30, Holy Communion. 8, Preparation for Holy Communion.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, Rathmines.—8 and 11.30 a.m., Holy Communion.

THE MAGDALEN CHURCH, Lower Leeson street (the Church's Ministry of Healing).—New Year's Day, Circumcision, 8 and 10.30, Holy Communion.

KIRWAN HOUSE CHURCH, North Circular road.—Feast of the Circumcision. 11.30, Holy Communion.

ST. KEVIN'S CHURCH, South Circular road.—New Year's Day. 11.30, Holy Communion. 8, Evening Prayer and Intercessions.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH. — 11.30, Holy Communion. 8, Service of Intercession.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH.—7.30 and 10.30, Holy Communion.

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH, Lower Drumcondra.—11.30, Holy Communion.

ST. WERBURGH'S PARISH CHURCH.—The Circumcision. 11.15, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, Dalkey—New Year's Day. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

SANDFORD PARISH CHURCH. — New Year's Day. 8 and 11.30, Holy Communion.

HAROLD'S CROSS PARISH CHURCH.—Feast of the Circumcision. 8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. (Special Intercession for Peace.)

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, Irishtown.—New Year's Day. 11.30, Holy Communion; Rev V. J. Walker. 8, Rev. R. E. Weir.

MONKSTOWN PARISH CHURCH.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Intercession and Holy Communion.

ST. MARY'S, Donnybrook.—7.45, The Litany. 8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Canon Powell.

ZION CHURCH, Rathgar.—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion and Intercession. 5.30, Special Intercession Service.

KILLINEY PARISH CHURCH, Ballybrack.—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion, with Intercessions.

ST. PAPPAN'S CHURCH, Santry.—10.30, Holy Communion.

ST. MOBHI'S CHURCH, Glasnevin.—7.30, Holy Communion.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S CHURCH, Coolock.—12, Holy Communion.

INQUEST ON CHILD'S BODY

An inquest on the body of a newly-born baby, whose body was found in a suit case in a top room at Burlington road, Donnybrook, on Sunday last, was held yesterday by Dr. T. M. Corbet, Deputy County Court Coroner, in the Londonbridge road Morgue, Dublin.

Dr. J. McGrath, State Pathologist, giving the result of his *post mortem* examination, said that the death of the child was due to shock and hæmorrhage, caused by two cuts on the left side of the neck. A black shoe lace was tied tightly round the neck, but this was done after the infant was dead or dying.

Detective Officer J. Mulcahy, Donnybrook, G.S., said that he found the body wrapped in an overall in a suit case.

Inspector J. Collard applied for an adjournment, which was granted.

AUCTIONS.

STORE CATTLE SALE, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),
At 11 a.m.
Entries include some good lots of Polled and A.A.X. Bullocks, suitable for export; also 21 grand Galway Ewes, flocked with Oxford ram, two shear.
CRAIGIE BROS.,
37 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN.

COMPANY MEETING.

ELECTRIC & MUSICAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Mr. Alfred Clark's Statement

The following information from a statement circulated by the Chairman, Mr. Alfred Clark, was in the hands of shareholders at the Annual Meeting of Electric & Musical Industries, Ltd., at 363 Oxford street, London, yesterday.

At the invitation of the directors, Sir Alexander Aikman, C.I.E., and Mr. Oliver Lucas have joined the board.

In April last, Sir Robert McLean was appointed managing director of the company.

The directors were glad to report that the profit of £126,581 enables them to recommend a resumption of dividend payments on the Ordinary shares and to increase the carry-forward by £25,178.

The total turnover has increased during the year under review.

Normal business has been progressively curtailed by increasing limitations placed by the authorities upon both manufacture and sales; the company has endeavoured to secure the equitable distribution to the trade of the limited amount of goods which we are able to manufacture.

Export trade from Britain and from subsidiary companies and branches outside the British Isles has been handicapped by difficulties of transport and the closing to us of more of the continental European countries.

The increase in stocks amounting to £396,000 reflects the company's activities under the changed conditions of war. The items cash and investments in Government securities show a total £249,000 higher, but the amount in hand is none too large for financing the volume of current work.

Facilities continue to be given to encourage war savings by employés. £100,000 of the company's funds have been invested in National War Bonds. Allowances continue to be paid to dependants of employés who have joined the Services.

The Chairman stated that while he would wish to be in a position to discuss the question of the company's future prospects, it is, of course, not possible to give any forecast of the immediate future, dependent as it is upon the war. Shareholders will, however, not lose sight of the position of the company, equipped, as it now is, to meet those problems with which it will be confronted inevitably when peace is restored. Such plans as can be made at the present time to meet the anticipated difficulties of the change-over lie ready to be acted upon promptly when the moment arrives.

The directors express their thanks to all employés for the spirit shown during the Battle of Britain, and especially to the managing director, Sir Robert McLean.

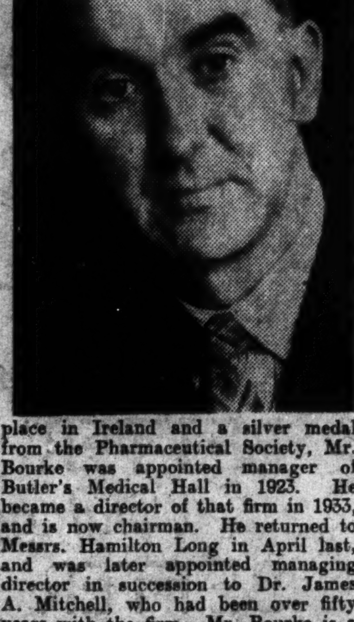
The report and accounts were adopted, the payment of the Preference and Ordinary dividends approved, the retiring directors re-elected, and the auditors re-appointed, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

After the ordinary meeting resolutions were passed at an extraordinary general meeting converting the whole of the issued shares into stock, transferable in units of £1 in the case of the Preference stock and units of 10s. in the case of the Ordinary stock.

MR. THOMAS BOURKE

Mr. Thomas R. Bourke, Ph.C., M.P.S.I., former manager and director of Butler's Medical Hall, Ltd., O'Connell street, Dublin, has recently been appointed managing director of Messrs. Hamilton, Long and Co., 5 Lower O'Connell street. Mr. Bourke is a native of Longford, and served his time with the late Mr. W. Rowlette, Sligo. He came to Dublin and worked with Mr. V. Hanna, Mount street, for a short time before going to Messrs. Hamilton Long in 1921, to take charge of the compounding department. Qualifying in 1922, with first



place in Ireland and a silver medal from the Pharmaceutical Society, Mr. Bourke was appointed manager of Butler's Medical Hall in 1923. He became a director of that firm in 1933, and is now chairman. He returned to Messrs. Hamilton Long in April last, and was later appointed managing director in succession to Dr. James A. Mitchell, who had been over fifty years with the firm. Mr. Bourke is a member of the committee of the Irish Druggists' Association. He is a good golfer, playing with the Sutton Club; played Rugby for Bective, and is a keen trout angler.

FOOD AND PRODUCE MARKETS

CATTLE.

DUBLIN PIGS.—Supplies totalled 528 head, most of which showed useful quality. Prime light to medium weight hogs 110/- to 120/-, heavier 95/- to 105/-, and sows 70/- to 80/- per cwt.

EDINBURGH.—Very few cattle on offer and no quotations available. Small show of milk cows on offer which met a quiet trade. Best cows £66 to £71, others £48 to £53.

PROVISIONS.

DUBLIN FISH.—On offer, two lots lobsters, 60 boxes herrings, and a large amount from country and local senders. Demand quiet at—Lobsters, 28/- to 58/- per 12; soles (black, large) 2/5 to 4/6, slips 1/6 to 1/9, turbot 1/7 to 2/10, brill 1/3 to 2/9 per lb.; plaice 50/- to 120/-, cod 40/- to 41/-, whiting 20/- to 60/-, ray 25/- to 35/-, and herrings 30/- to 40/- box.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Good supplies, with demand fair, at—Arran Chiefs, Dates and Kerr's Pinks 6/6, mixed whites 5/6 to 6/- per cwt.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—York cabbage, large 25/- to 45/-, small 10/- to 25/-; Savoy, large 30/- to 50/-, small 15/- to 24/- load; Swedes 2/6 to 3/-, mangolds 1/9 to 2/- per cwt.; lettuce 8d. to 1/-, cauliflowers 2/- to 3/- dozen; sprouts 2/- to 3/-, parsley 6d. chip; beet, 1/- to 1/6 dozen bundles; parsnips 5/- to 7/- bag; turnips 4d. to 6d., and celery 3/- to 5/- bunch.

STOCK MARKET REPORTS

GUINNESS UNITS RECOVER

As was only to be expected, markets on the Dublin Stock Exchange finished the year in extremely quiet fashion yesterday, but notwithstanding the prevailing quietness a few firm features developed.

Bank of Ireland Stock relapsed two points to 305, but Provincials enjoyed support, and both the Old and New registered gains of 1/-.

There was good buying of Guinness units, and they recovered 1/- to 94/-. In Rails, Great Southern Pref. firmed up to 11½, and the Gtd. spurted a point to 39. Great Northern issues held their recent levels.

Alliance Gas Ord. shaded off to 19/4½, but Clondalkin Paper Ord. rose to 5/3¾.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

*Odd lot. a asked. b bid.
(Previous prices in parentheses.)

GOVERNMENT FUNDS—5 p.c. Second National Loan (112 9/16), *112 9/16; 3½ p.c. Fourth Loan (Deed) (103⅞), *104⅛; do. (under £200) (104¼), 104¼; 4 p.c. Conversion Loan (under £200) (107¾), 107½; 3¾ p.c. Financial Agreement (105⅝) *105⅝; do. (under £200) (105½), 105½; 3¼ p.c. National Security (100½), 100⅝; do. (£40 paid) (1), 1⅛ prem.; 4 p.c. Land Bonds (under £200) (104¾), 104¾; 3½ p.c. War Loan (104¾), *104¾; do. Bank of England 104¾; India 3½ p.c. Stock 101¼.

BANKS—Bank of Ireland (307), *305; Provincial Old (34/-), *35/-; do. New (34/-), *35/-.

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES—Bass Ord. 142/-; Guinness Ord. (93/-), 94/-; do. Pref. (15), 15⅛b, 15¼a; Power Deb. (21/-), *20/7½.

SHIPPING—Cunard Steam Ord. 14/7½.

RAILS AND GAS—Great Northern Pref. (32¾), 32¾, ¾; do. Gtd. (53), 53; do. Deb. (70), *70; Great Southern Pref. (11), 11½, ½; do. Gtd. (38), 39; do. Deb. (55½), 56a; Alliance Gas Ord. (19/9), 19/4½, 19/4½.

DRAPERIES—Todd Burns Ord. (10/9) *10/9.

IRISH INDUSTRIALS—Arklow Pottery Pref. (21/10), 21/-b, 23/6a; Cement Ord. (36/6), 36/6; Clondalkin Paper Ord. (5/-), 5/3, 5/3¾; Hammond Lane Pref. (22/-), 22/-; Independent "B" Ord. (50/-), 50/-; Irish Times 1st Pref. (37/-), 37/-; do. 2nd Pref. (3/-), 3/-; Sunbeam Wolsey Ord. (37/-), *37/-.

BRITISH INDUSTRIALS—Shell Transport Ord. 51/9.

AMERICAN SECURITES — Brazilian Traction $12.

IRISH BANKS' RATE (changed October 26, 1939), 3 p.c.; Loans on Government Stocks transferred, 3½ p.c.; Deposits, 1 p.c. The foregoing rates are subject to variation.

STOCK EXCHANGE FEATURES

ARGENTINE RAILS STRONG

FROM OUR LONDON FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Investment market generally continues firm owing to the recent calling-up of India Government Loans by the Treasury, as this operation will release further large sums of sterling for re-investment, and it is believed that some of the buying in connection with this has already commenced. Sentiment has also been impressed by the indications of successful conferences between Allied statesmen in Moscow, Washington, Ottawa and elsewhere, as well as by the continued offensive of the Russians against the Germans.

Long-dated British Government stocks are firm, and Home Railway Ordinary and prior charge issues and Brewery Debenture stocks are harder. Brewery Ordinary stocks have been helped by the news that the average gravity of beer will be reduced by 5 p.c.

Another feature is the continuance of strength in Argentine Rails, especially Preference and Debenture issues, following the surprise announcement of a payment of six months' interest on B.A. Western 4 p.c. and 5 p.c. Debentures. Brazilian Government Bonds are wanted because of the Republic's improving economic condition, and the hope of a higher January coupon payment has caused some inquiry for Chilian Bonds.

Dividend hopes are responsible for firmness in English Bank and Discount companies' shares.

VALUES IN 1941

Not only were the Stock markets in December adversely affected by war developments, but the downward movement was probably accentuated by some reaction from the great firmness which characterised the Stock Exchange during the greater part of the year 1941, states the "Bankers' Magazine" in its January issue. It was a case of war influences being more than counterbalanced during the year by the effects not only of cheap money, but a superabundance of credit.

As a consequence, the list of 365 representative Securities which the *Bankers' Magazine* uses for the compilation of its monthly index figure, experienced a further appreciation during 1941, following the substantial advance in 1940. The aggregate value of these 365 Securities on December 17, 1940, was £6,220,386,000; on November 17, 1941, it was £6,539,205,000; and on December 17 last £6,501,597,000, the increase over the 12 months being £281,211,000.

In view of the revival of interest in South American Rails, it is interesting to note that, on a percentage basis, the group showing the largest increase was that for Foreign Rails, the appreciation in which was 38 p.c. British Railway Preference Stocks followed with 30.1 p.c. Shipping Shares with 27.8 p.c., British Railway Ordinary Stocks with 25.9 p.c., then Oil Shares and Commercial Shares with 15.9 p.c. and 15.2 p.c. respectively.

The ten British and Indian Funds appreciated in value by £103,273,000 to £3,781,860,000 (equal to 2.8 p.c.). Groups showing declines on the year were few, the chief being U.S. Railway Shares 18.5 p.c., Rubber Shares 16.5 p.c., and Copper Mining Shares 10.2 p.c.

U.S. FOREIGN TRADE

The latest issue of the *Guaranty Survey*, published by the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, contains an article on the effect of the war on U.S. foreign trade. Some of the remarks in that article are now out of date, in view of the entry of the U.S. into the world war, but others are still of interest.

The writer states that both the composition and the geographical distribution of U.S.A. foreign trade have undergone profound changes, as a result of the war. By far the greater part of the increase in exports consists of commodities rather closely related to military needs. Such goods now comprise twice as large a proportion of the total exports as they did two years ago.

Changes in the composition of the U.S.A.'s import trade have been generally similar to those in exports. Imports of the principal "strategic" commodities (including crude rubber, raw silk and metals) have more than doubled in the last two years, and now account for about one-fourth of the Republic's imports against less than one-sixth just before the war. Imports of rubber are nearly 2¼ times as large as they were two years ago.

Even more remarkable than the changes in the composition of the U.S.A.'s foreign trade have been the shifts in the geographical distribution. German occupation of the most of the European Continent, and the corresponding extension of the British blockade, have reduced trade with that area to a mere fraction of its former volume, but more than two-thirds of the U.S.A.'s exports are now going to British Empire destinations as compared with somewhat more than one-third before the war.

Purchases from the British Empire as a whole have increased sharply, although those from the United Kingdom itself are approximately at the pre-war level.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Wednesday.—The momentum of yesterday's advance was broken up by the news from Manila, while year-end investment buying was jolted by the announcement of plans to raise war production to 50 per cent. of the national income.

The turnover of 1,750,000 shares comprised 981 issues, of which 349 advanced, 419 declined, and 213 remained unchanged.

Values showed losses ranging to a point, with the Steels and Motors in the forefront. The market closed irregular.

BIG NEW COMPANIES

The following are among the new private companies recently registered:—

Newforge, Ltd., Malone, Belfast.—Nominal capital, £100,000. Objects: To acquire and take over as a going concern the undertaking of Newforge, Ltd., and to carry on the businesses of preparers, canners and bottlers of cooked and preserved foods, fruits, vegetables. First directors—R. Wilson, 466 Kilmarnock road, Newlands, Glasgow; R. C. Wilson, 32 Langside Dr., Newlands, Glasgow; A. C. Wilson, Brooklands road, Cheshire.

Charles Hughes, Ltd.—Nominal capital, £30,000. Objects: To acquire the business of wholesale and retail draper, carried on by Charles Hughes at Westport, County Mayo.

Lynams, Ltd.—Nominal capital, £10,000. Wholesale and retail tobacconists.

G.S.R. TRAFFICS

Great Southern Railways' traffic receipts amounted to £87,309 for the week ended December 26, 1941—an increase of £8,760 over the same week in 1940. Total receipts to date are £583,029 higher at £4,916,336.

State Bicycle on Christmas Day.—A month's imprisonment was the sentence on Private Thos. Gallagher (32), a native of Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal, at Longford, for the larceny of a bicycle in Athlone on Christmas Day.

CHEERFUL CLOSE IN LONDON

Heartened by Mr. Churchill's speech and the latest news of Russian successes, the London Stock Markets wound up the year with a flourish. There was heavy buying of British Rail issues, with L.N.E. First and Second Preferences particularly favoured by speculators, and demand for Argentine Rails was maintained at its recent high level.

In the Oil section, Ultramars continued active up to 43/6 before reacting, to close 7½d. up at 43/1½.

Industrials again revealed their quota of bright features, but actual gains were not impressive. Tin shares again moved against the general trend.

The few transactions in British Funds had no perceptible effect on quotations. Growing confidence that 1941 dividends will at least be maintained explained the expansion in demand for British Rails. G.W. Ordinary improved another point to 44½. L.M.S. Ordinary concluded with a rise of ¾ at 18¾, and the 1923 Preference appreciated to 52. In the L.N.E. group, the 4 per cent. 1st Preference was outstanding with a jump of 1½ to 50½.

In lively dealing, Argentine Great Western 5 per cent. Debentures gained no less than 3½ to 49. Smaller rises were established by several other Argentines. Brazilian Tractions went further ahead to the war-time peak of 12¾ on strong hopes of a final dividend.

Tobaccos held up well, with "Bats" quietly supported at 86/3. Dunlops picked up to 32/-. Chemicals to 33/-, and Turner and Newall to 67/6. Others picked out for favourable attention included Standards, Lever, N.V., Plaster Boards, and Cable issues.

Interest in Mines centred mainly on developing Kaffirs. Blyvoors were 10½d. to the good at 27/3. West Wits proved another bright feature at 92/6, and rises also occurred in Western Holdings, Western Reefs, Vlaks, and Libanons. The dividend-payers had a quiet time, and "Sallies" closed 1/3 down.

Oils were firm under the lead of Ultramars.

CLOSED MARKETS

The London, Dublin and New York Stock Exchanges will be closed to-day.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES

*Ex Dividend.

FOREIGN BONDS—Brazil 40-year "B," 45½+2½.

RAILS—Gt. Western, 44½+1; L.M.S., 18¾+¾; do. 1923 Pref., 52+1; L.N.E. Prefd. Ord., 3¾+⅜; do. Def. Ord., 1⅝+⅛; do. 1st Pref., 50½+1½; Southern Prefd. Ord., 64+1; do. Def. Ord., 16+½; Arg. Gt. Western 5 p.c. Deb., 49+3½; B.A. and Pacific 4½ p.c. Deb., 48½+½; B.A. and Western, 8¼+½; Canadian Pacific, 11⅛+⅛; Cordoba Cent. 1st Deb., 78½-½; San Paulo Ord., 47+2.

INDUSTRIALS—Allied Iron, 22/6+6d.; Babcock and W., 45/3+3d.; Brit. Celanese, 6/4½+1½d.; B.A. Tobacco, 86/3+7½d.; Braz. Traction, 12¾+¾; Plaster Boards, 20/4½+4½d.; Colvilles, 20/6+6d.; Cable and W. Ord., 66+½; do. Pref., 101+¼; Courtaulds, 33/6-1½d.; Carreras "B," 14/1½-4½d.; Dunlops, 32/-+3d.; Distillers, 72/6-3d.; Sewing Cotton, 28/1½-7½d.; Harrods, 33/--6d.; Imp. Chemical, 33/-+3d.; Internat. Nickel, 40⅞+⅜; Ind Coope, 84/9+3d.; Leyland, 71/10½+7½d.; Lever Bros., 29/-1½d.; do. N.V., 21/-+4½d.; Standard, 16/9+3d.; Tube Invest., 67/6*+7½d.; Vickers, 16/9+1½d.; Wall Paper Def., 25/6+6d.

MINES—Cons. Gold Fields, 2-1/32; Daggafontein, 2*+1/32; Geduld, 7⅞*-⅛; Libanon, 11/4½+1½d.; Luipaards, 19/-*-3d.; S.A. Land, 4 7/16*-1/16; Vlakfontein, 21/3+1/3; W. Holdings, 15/4½+1½d.; W. Reefs, 34/7½*+6d.; Blyvoor, 27/3+10½d.; Rhod. Anglo-Amer., 14/-+6d.; Rhokana, 8+¼; Selection Trust, 13/9+3d.; Ashanti, 44/4½+7½d.

OILS—Anglo-Iranian Ord., 45/-+7½d.; Attock, 36/3+1/3; Can. Eagle, 11/3+1½d.; Mex. Eagle, 10/9+3d.; "Shells," 51/10½+7½d.; Trin. Leaseholds, 68/1½-7½d.

RUBBERS — Anglo-Dutch, 14/3-3d.; Golden Hope, 8/9+1/3; Rubber Trust, 20/6-6d.; Sedenak, 15/--1/3; Telegoredjo, 6/10½+7½d.; Utd. Sua Betong, 30/--1/3.

OTHER EXCHANGES

MANCHESTER. — Bleachers, 4/-4/6; Dyers, 8/-8/3; "Slubbers," 4/-4/3; Calicoes, 6/3-6/6; Coats, 37/-37/6; Courtaulds, 33/3-33/9; Dunlops, 31/6-32/-; Cottons, 28/-29/-; Velvet, 5/6-6/-; Spinners, 5/3-5/9; Henrys, 10/-10/6; Turner and Newall, 65/-67/6; Wall Paper Def., 24/6-25/6.

BIRMINGHAM. — Guys harder, 2/3; Faireys better, 14/9. Alvis 3/9, Austin "A" 17/-, Dennis 21/-, Dunlop 32/-, Enfield 17/6, Ford 24/3, Humber 12/9, Leyland 71/-, Lucas 64/9, Morris 32/9, Napier 6/9, Raleigh 60/6, Rolls 90/-, Rover 16/6, Singer 3/10½, Standard 16/6, Triplex 30/10½, Small Arms 20/6.

CEMENT PROFITS HIT BY TAXATION

INCREASED EXPORTS TO NORTHERN IRELAND

An increase of £40,451 to £179,036 in the trading profit of Cement, Ltd., for the year ended September 30 last is almost completely wiped out by the greatly increased provision for taxation.

After deducting £48,487 (against £36,450) for depreciation, £1,500 (against £1,339) for directors' fees, interest on Debentures, less tax, £15,890 (against £24,689), £4,805 (against £4,561) for the sinking fund, and £68,200 (against £29,000) for taxation, there remains a profit of £40,154, compared with £42,546. Adding £5,132 brought in, there is a total of £45,286, out of which the year's dividend on the Preference Shares absorbs £8,450, leaving a balance of £36,836 (against £37,532).

As already known, a dividend of 8 per cent., less tax, is to be paid on the Ordinary Shares, the same as last year, which will take £20,800 (against £22,400). The sum of £5,619 (against £10,000) is written off preliminary expenses, leaving the carry forward almost double at £10,217.

Stocks of cement and sundry materials are entered in the balance sheet at £157,363 (against £132,572), and cash stands at £133,188 (against £79,614). Property, plant, and equipment appear at £1,041,949 (against £824,256), on which additional expenditure during the year amounted to £34,907.

The company's works at Drogheda and Limerick have continued to operate satisfactorily throughout the year (says the report). The demand for cement, however, has again declined in the home market, but an increased export to Northern Ireland has taken place, resulting in the output from the works being in excess of last year's production.

The directors are at present consulting the authorities on the subject of Excess Corporation Profits Tax as it affects the company.

COMPANY NEWS

New Goldfields of Venezuela.—Owing mainly to the company's present tax position, payment of a dividend is impossible.

FEWER BANKRUPTS IN EIRE IN 1941

Bankruptcies in the twenty-six counties during 1941 numbered 26, or 10 less than in the previous year. Of the past ten years, 1932 brought the greatest number of failures, 62. In 1933 the figure was down to 58; three years later 41; and 1933 saw it reduced to the 30's. Twenty-six in 1941, is, therefore, the lowest in the last decade.

The number of High Court judgments in the year which has just run out was 1,008, which figure, 133 less than in 1940, reflects the shrinkages in the amount of litigation owing to the war. 1941 saw, also, the launching of 172 new companies, just four less than in the previous year.

In Northern Ireland the past year brought to life 73 new companies, an increase of 30 over 1940. High Court judgments, at 355, showed a drop of 297. Only eight Northern Irelanders went bankrupt in 1941, against 15 in 1940.

The greatest number of bankruptcies in the twenty-six counties (8) occurred among general merchants and shopkeepers.

BRITAIN'S RECORD EXPENDITURE

Britain has spent £3,495,761,703 in the first nine months of the present financial year, Treasury returns disclose. This is a record expenditure. Estimated expenditure for the full financial year ending on March 31st next is £4,706,957,000.

Total ordinary revenue for the period is £1,221,567,556, so that the "deficit," or difference between expenditure and income, is £2,274,194,147.

On the expenditure side the item which absorbs nearly all the money is that for the supply services which embrace the fighting forces. The total for these services is £3,263,624,252, compared with £2,499,654,022 at this time last year.

A feature of the December statement of Exchequer receipts and issues, which accompanies the return, shows that the newly-issued tax reserve certificates have already attracted £16,800,000.

The floating debt at the end of the year amounted to £3,610,770,000.

NORTHERN EXCHEQUER

The Northern Ireland Exchequer returns for the nine months ended yesterday show a balance of £53,064. During the period the total net revenue was £9,671,714, compared with £8,516,516 last year.

The sale of Ulster Savings Certificates declined by £135,000.

EXPENDITURE UP BY £2,173,381

EXCHEQUER RETURN FOR NINE MONTHS

THE Minister for Finance last night issued the Irish Exchequer return for the nine months ended December 31st, 1941. The total revenue was £23,424,230, or an increase of £706,403 over the corresponding period last year. Expenditure at £28,492,665 showed an increase of £2,173,381.

Expenditure exceeded revenue for the nine months by £5,068,435, against £3,601,457 for the previous corresponding period.

During the last eleven days of December the revenue amounted to £849,840 and expenditure to £2,814,136, as compared with £585,271 revenue and £3,048,620 expenditure in the last ten days of December, 1940.

Among other receipts there appears £7,100,000 from 3¼ per cent. National Security Loan.

REVENUE ITEMS

The following table shows the increases and decreases in the various items of revenue:—

REVENUE.	£		£
Customs	8,647,000	–	962,000
Excise	5,432,000	+	612,000
Motor Tax	493,000	+	56,000
Estate Duty	942,000	–	86,000
Stamps	397,000	–	5,000
Income Tax	3,498,000	+	898,000
Corporation Tax..	322,000	+	79,000
Excess Profits	23,000	–	2,000
Post Office	1,690,000	+	195,000
Land Annuities..	908,362	+	16,583
Other Receipts...	1,071,868	–	95,180
Total	23,424,230	+	706,403

EXPENDITURE.	£		£
Central Fund	3,707,549	+	179,995
Supply Services...	24,785,116	+	1,993,386
Total	28,492,665	+	2,173,381

A COMPARISON

The following are details of the revenue to date and the Finance Minister's estimates, which are, of course, for the twelve months:—

	Revenue. £	Estimate. £
Customs	8,647,000	8,270,000
Excise	5,432,000	6,765,000
Motor Tax	493,000	600,000
Estate Duty	942,000	1,320,000
Stamps	397,000	478,000
Income Tax	3,498,000	7,319,000
Corp. Tax	322,000	648,000
Excess Profits	23,000	25,000

The balance in the Exchequer on December 31, 1941, was £2,676,929, compared with £209,591 on the same date in 1940, and £728,320 on April 1, 1941.

OFFICIAL RETURN

The following are the receipts into and issues out of the Exchequer in the period from the 1st April, 1941, to the 31st December, 1941:—

REVENUE.

Revenue and Other Receipts.	Total Receipts into the Exchequer from Apr. 1, '41, to Dec. 31, '41 £	Apr. 1, '40, to Dec. 31, '40 £
Customs	8,647,000	9,609,000
Excise	5,432,000	4,820,000
Motor Vehicle Duties	493,000	437,000
Estate, etc., Duties	942,000	1,028,000
Stamps	397,000	402,000
Property and Income Tax (including Sur-Tax)	3,498,000	2,600,000
Corporation Profits Tax	322,000	243,000
Excess Profits Duty	23,000	25,000
Post Office	1,690,000	1,495,000
Land Annuities	908,362	891,779
Sundry Receipts	1,071,868	1,167,048
Total Revenue...	23,424,230	22,717,827
Other Receipts. Repayment of Advances:—		
Under Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1927-1935, etc.	33,399	30,800
Under Trade Loans (Guarantee) Act, 1939	19,545	—
Money Raised by Creation of Debt:— For Expenditure under Telephone Capital Acts	90,000	125,000
By Savings Certificates	513,000	434,000
By Ways and Means Advances	4,100,000	500,000
By other Borrowings	11,600	50,431
By 3¼ p.c. National Security Loan	7,100,000	—
Total Receipts ...	35,291,774	23,858,058
Balance in Exchequer on 1st April, 1941, and 1st April, 1940..	728,320	3,622,659
Total	36,020,094	27,480,717

EXPENDITURE AND OTHER ISSUES.

Expenditure:	Total Issues out of the Exchequer to meet payments from Apl. 1, '41, to Dec. 31, '41. £	Apl. 1, '40, to Dec. 31, '40. £
Central Fund Services	3,707,549	3,527,554
Supply Services	24,785,116	22,791,730
Total Expenditure	28,492,665	26,319,284
Other Issues:		
Advance under Coinage Act, 1926	53,691	57,509
Advance under Trade Loans (Guarantee) Act, 1939	6,209	46,333
Advance under Sec. 49 of Finance Act, 1941	2,050,000	—
Issues to meet Capital Expenditure:		
Under Telephone Capital Acts	90,000	125,000
Under Shannon Electricity Acts, 1925 and 1933...	5,600	2,000
Under Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1927-1935, and Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936	—	200,000
Issues for Redemption of Debt:		
Savings Certificates paid off	370,000	521,000
Ways and Means Advances repaid..	2,275,000	—
Total Issues	33,343,165	27,271,126
Balance in Exchequer on 31st Dec., 1941, and 31st Dec., 1940	2,676,929	209,591
Total	36,020,094	27,480,717

NEWS IN BRIEF

Paraffin for Roscommon Farmers.—The secretary announced to a meeting of the Roscommon County Committee of Agriculture that the Department of Supplies had issued a permit for 2,165 gallons of paraffin oil for lamps and incubators.

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Premiums for Boars in Six Counties.—The Northern Ireland Ministry of Agriculture will resume its premiums for boars scheme this year on the usual lines. Premiums will be available for selected boars of the Large White breed in all six counties.

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Watch Night Service in Cork.—There was a large congregation last night at St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork, for the Watch Night Service, which consisted of Evensong, with Litany, hymns, and the 90th Psalm. The preacher was the Rev. Claude Chevasse, Rector of Mallow.

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Man Collapses in Cove.—An elderly married man named James Telfer, of 27 Harbour row, Cove, brother of Councillor A. W. Telfer, suddenly collapsed whilst walking along Cove's main thoroughfare yesterday, and died shortly afterwards. Death was due to heart failure.

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Soldier and Savings Bank Account.—Private Michael Sweeney, a member of the Defence Forces, was, at Longford District Court, sentenced to a month's imprisonment for aiding and abetting another soldier to obtain 10/- from a Post Office Savings Bank account, not his own, and of receiving 8/-, knowing it to have been unlawfully obtained.

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Belfast Savings Bank.—The actuary reported to the Committee of the Belfast Savings Bank yesterday that during the month ended December 20 deposits in the ordinary department amounted to the record figure of £493,783. This, added to the deposits in the special investment department, totalled £609,488.

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Death from Burns.—Mary McGrath (72), of Rinnaneel, Ballinrobe, was found burned to death in her home by her nephew, William Connell on his return from Ballinrobe. At an inquest held by Dr. Conor Maguire it transpired that she got a stroke about ten years ago, and since then had been in poor health. Death due to burns accidentally received was the verdict.

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Killed by Heavy Wheel.—Patrick Kelly (45), a fitter, of West End, Monasterevan, was killed on Christmas Eve when a wheel weighing about 23 cwt. fell on him at the factory of Samuel E. Holmes, Monasterevan. He was a married man, with two children, and a native of Wexford. The inquest was adjourned until the 12th January. Medical evidence showed that death was due to asphyxia caused by suffocation when three ribs were broken.

NOW—A MEDICAL VIEWPOINT ON BEAUTY CULTURE

Beauty's 'IF'

YOUR FACE is your fortune IF your skin is lovely, and not unless—say the milkmaids of 1941! But seriously, opinions about beauty are changing very quickly these days. And have you noticed what is the lesson to be learnt? *Admiration goes to the young woman with a natural, glowing loveliness of skin.* Let your make-up be of the slightest. Look natural, and look after your skin.

If you asked your doctor . . . what is the substance he most often puts into prescriptions for the treatment of delicate skins, for the care of minor skin blemishes—he would say 'Calamine' every time. Calamine is constantly used by skin specialists. They find its soothing, gentle action invaluable. They recommend it for babies. They would tell you that if you searched the laboratories of the world you would find nothing safer or more beneficial as a beauty aid for your own skin.

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Crookes' Lacto-Calamine contains Calamine in its purest form, and is prepared by a colloidal process in which the particles reach a state of *ultra*microscopic fineness attained by few beauty preparations. Afterwards scientifically combined with nourishing, emollient milk of almonds and soothing witch hazel, Lacto-Calamine is delicately soft and creamy, in a skilfully blending skin tone.

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Through the microscope

MONDAY *A micro-photograph showing a section of the skin of a girl's face magnified 104 times, before application of Lacto-Calamine. Neglect had caused skin roughness which appears as ridges.*

WEDNESDAY *The same skin after two nights and one day of using Lacto-Calamine. Look at the micro-photograph now. It records no unevenness of the skin's surface, which is now fine and smooth.*

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DEVEREUX MURDER CHARGE

SPECIAL CRIMINAL COURT TO SIT

Following an Order made by the Government, under the Emergency Powers Act, four men will be tried before the Military Court on January 6th for the murder of Michael Devereux, Co. Wexford, petrol salesman, whose body, with a bullet in the head, was found beneath a heap of stones on the slopes of Slievenamon last September.

The men are: George Plant, Joseph O'Connor, Brosna, Co. Kerry, and Michael Walsh, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny, and Patrick Davern, Glenbower, Co. Tipperary, labourer.

It will be recalled that Devereux, who had been missing for 12 months before his body was recovered, and whose car had been found buried in a field, was alleged to have been abducted from his home and to have been shot.

Mr. J. A. McCarthy, counsel for the State, told the Military Court yesterday that the Government's Order directed that the four men be charged and tried before a Military Court, which would be of a different character to the Special Criminal Court.

Stating that he appeared there out of courtesy to the Court, having regard to the fact that he had been assigned to the defence in the former trial by the Special Criminal Court, Mr. Sean MacBride stated that two of the accused men already had been arraigned and tried, and a *nolle prosequi* had been entered at a late stage in the trial. There was a fundamental rule of law which forbade that a person should twice be put in jeopardy for the same offence, and when it was a capital charge that rule became more inflexible. He submitted there was nothing in the Emergency Powers Act or Order which entitled the Court to try a person for a second time in the same offence. In the case of Davern and Walsh, he suggested that it would be contempt for the Special Criminal Court if the Military Court were to take any part in the proceedings. He apprehended, he said, that the present procedure had been adopted as a result of legal bungling.

President—You will have to confine yourself to the Order.

Mr. MacBride—The Emergency Powers Act, Order 41 and Order 41 F have been made to deal with the state of war which prevails in Europe, and I submit that the present procedure has been adopted to cover legal bungling.

The President said that the Court could not question the Order.

The men were charged and remanded in military custody.

LAND AGITATION IN MAYO

SEVEN MEN ARRESTED FOR TRESPASS

Considerable excitement, writes our correspondent, prevailed in Killeenrevagh, near the little village of Ballindine, Co. Mayo, when Gardaí, in executing a Court Order, arrested seven young men who had refused to pay fines recently imposed on them at Claremorris Court for trespassing on the lands of Michael Kennedy, Claremorris. The men, whose ages range from 16 to 19 years, are:—G. Heaney, Tony O'Toole, Joseph Prendergast, Sonny Commins, and three brothers, Paddy, Tony and Sean Prendergast. They were removed to Sligo Jail for fourteen days. Some time later cattle and sheep were driven off the lands, but were later recovered by the Gardaí, who took a number of statements in connection with the incidents.

INDIA CUTS PETROL RATION

NEW DELHI, Wednesday.—The Government of India has announced a drastic cut in petrol allowances, the basic ration per private car being reduced from one gallon to half a gallon per unit from January 1. Public consumption will be reduced to 60 per cent. of the 1940 total.—(Associated Press.)

BEER RATIONING IN BRITAIN

POSITION IN THIS COUNTRY

Beers of all kinds will be rationed in Great Britain and Northern Ireland as from to-day.

The ration, it is understood, will represent a reduction of 25 per cent. in normal supplies. The rationing system will be operated by the brewers in both countries with a view to reducing the consumption of malt.

While Eire will not be affected by the scheme, the sales of Irish brewers in Britain and Northern Ireland naturally will be reduced. Under an arrangement between the brewers, the rationing will be met in some instances by quantitative restrictions, and in others by reductions in strengths. In Eire the system will operate in a purely quantitative way.

Commenting on the position in this country, Mr. C. E. Reddin, Secretary, Licensed Grocers' and Vintners' Protection Association, told an *Irish Times* reporter:—

"As far as the home market is concerned," Mr. Reddin said, "the position is one of constant review, and, though no rationing scheme is at present indicated for Eire, circumstances might arise at any time to compel some restriction of output. Factors that might cause a restriction of output include barley supplies, Government restriction on the use of such supplies as are available for brewing purposes, coal and hops. It should be understood that, while there is no restriction on the quantity of barley brewers may purchase, the Government has restricted the quantity that may be malted for brewing purposes to 80 per cent. of the 1939-40 malting season. Last season the balance held by the brewers was purchased from them by the Government. The brewers met that position by reducing gravities instead of quantitative rationing.

"The barley yield this year has been much below normal and, in addition, there is reason to suspect that farmers are not giving up all the supplies that are available. Whether there is a 'black market' or whether farmers are grinding corn for feeding purposes or holding supplies back in the hope of higher prices later in the season is difficult to say. General reports are that up to a month ago some brewers had not been able to get more than 70 per cent. of the season's requirements of barley.

"A recent and serious problem is the difficulty of getting casks. At least one brewery was forced to refuse 50 per cent. of its orders during the Christmas period on that account. Petrol restrictions and the curtailment of railway services also have caused tremendous difficulties in the matter of getting casks back from customers.

"Despite these problems the Irish brewers are at present maintaining a 100 per cent. output for the home trade."

19 DEATHS IN TRAIN SMASH

The British Ministry of Transport inquiry into the collision at Eccles (Lancashire), between two heavily laden passenger trains, will probably be held next week. The inquest will open at Eccles on Saturday.

The death roll totals nineteen—eleven men and eight women. About eighty passengers were taken to hospital. Three women victims were identified yesterday.

Red Cross Concert at Hospital.—The Hall, Hospital, Co. Limerick, was thronged to its fullest capacity on Sunday night last, when, under the auspices of the local Red Cross Society, the Hospital Dramatic Society produced Thomas King Moylan's famous and entertaining comedy, "Paid in His Own Coin."

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